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Cancer survivor takes on the Dragon's Back

Alex Price will take on the tough challenge this month.

Alex Price will attempt the world's toughest mountain race

AN Army officer from south Wales is attempting the world's toughest mountain race one year after an operation to a cancerous tumour.

Major Alex Price (38), originally from Cowbridge, was diagnosed a year ago with a malignant tumour on his liver.

He had an operation at Southampton Hospital last May to remove the cancer, along with 60 per cent of his liver. The operation was successful and he has since undergone a recovery programme.

On May 20, he will begin the Berghaus Dragon's Back race, almost a year ago to the day that he had the operation.

The race is along the mountainous spine of Wales and is infamous among ultra runners for the tough terrain, distance and navigation, covering 315km distance and 15,500m of ascent over five days.

Competitors must carry emergency equipment, food and water with them over the mountains, camping in tents which the race organisers set up at the finish point for each day.

Alex has spent a great deal of time walking through Wales over the years, starting at the age of 11 on school trips and more recently while training with the Army. He hopes his knowledge and respect of the Welsh mountains will help to get him through the race successfully.

Alex has decided to use this race as an opportunity to raise money for the Centre for Cancer Immunology at the University of Southampton, where he had his operation last year. The centre was opened in spring 2018 and was funded entirely by donations.

It is the first centre in the UK to focus on immunology research and is developing life-saving cancer treatments.

Search for him at www.justgiving.com to donate online. During the race itself, you will be able to track his progress via the race website www.berghausdragonsbackrace.com.

'Passionate' local cancer campaigner honoured with national award

Cowbridge 10k event organiser Anne Birt. IMAGE by MIKE WILCOCK.

THE organiser of the Cowbridge 10k run, Anne Birt, is to be honoured with a Cancer Research UK fellowship.

Over the last eight years, the event has raised £25,000 for charity and this year it takes place on Sunday, September 29.

A spokeswoman for the Cowbridge Cancer Research UK Committee said: "Anne has been awarded an honorary fellowship of the Cancer Research UK 'Flame of Hope Awards' and will be going to the award ceremony to be held in London at the end of June.

"She has been a member of the Cowbridge branch of CRUK for more than 30 years and has worked tirelessly over the past few years to put the Cowbridge 10k run on the map.

"She thoroughly deserves this award in recognition of all her hard work. Our heartfelt congratulations go to her."

Vale MP Alun Cairns, who has regularly taken part in the Cowbridge 10k event, added: "It's been a privilege to work with Anne – she is the most energetic and passionate of campaigners.

"Anne established the Cowbridge 10k, a fantastic initiative, which is just an example of the huge role she plays in our community. This is so well deserved and I was excited when I heard the news."

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Council needs to protect the Vale

NEITHER the new Tory leadership, nor those of the old cabinet, speak of their difference over building a new road to the M4 (J34) past Pendoylan and slashing through highly-valued countryside.

As AMs, both Andrew RT Davies and Jane Hutt have opposed this road, yet Cllr Jonathan Bird in his last action before resigning declared in favour of the link.

If Neil Moore's Labour plus Llantwit Independents are to do a deal with the dissident Tories, it's all too likely that they will pursue this new strategic road just as they pursued the damaging Five Mile Lane rebuild, slashing through a high-value (3,500 BC) archaeological site.

The Vale cannot afford yet another council leadership who treat sustainability as a joke and our unspoilt countryside as a development opportunity.

Max Wallis
(Friends of the Earth Barry & Vale),
Penarth.

Scam warning after fraudsters con couple out of £10,000

OFFICERS in Penarth are warning the public to be cautious and vigilant after a couple lost £10,000 to fraudsters.

South Wales Police is currently investigating a fraud where a couple in Penarth were called last week out of the blue by someone claiming to be from their bank.

The fraudsters told the victim that money was being removed from their account and to keep it safe, they needed to move their money into another account.

Legitimate organisations such as your bank, HMRC or police will never call you asking you to transfer money. Neither will they ask you for your pin or full banking password.

Penarth Inspector Andy Rice said: "We urge everyone to remember that the police, banks or HMRC would never contact you and ask for you to transfer money to 'keep safe' – this is a scam.

"These fraudsters are manipulative, calculating and operate extremely professionally, and it is understandable that victims may believe these calls to be genuine. In this case, it appears the fraudsters have spoofed the telephone number of the victims' bank.

"Our advice is to treat all unsolicited calls with caution. Do not feel pressurised into making a quick decision - a genuine organisation won't mind giving you time to stop and think.

"If you receive a call that seems to come from your bank or a similar organisation, say you will call them back. But use another phone line, such as a mobile phone or landline, or wait at least five minutes before using the same line.

"If you have received any suspicious calls you can report it on 101 or Action Fraud 0300 123 2040."

Remember our top tips:

• If something seems too good to be true, it probably is.

• Banks, police and HMRC will never ask for personal details, bank details, or for you to withdraw money from your account.

• Never tell anyone your PIN, and never enter it into a telephone.

Llandow waste tip – what is the Vale Council planning?

FURTHER to Mrs J E Davies' letter to The GEM (March 21) headed 'Road service is deteriorating at waste tip', one of several such letters over many years, I noted that the Vale Council came back with the usual response, ie that the centre is located on private land and so is not owned or maintained by the council.

The council also stated that it was considering the future of the site and the possibility of moving the site elsewhere.

I contacted the council on March 18, and asked to speak with the officer responsible for the site. One week later I received a call in which the officer indicated that there was nothing they could do at the present time and stated I would need to submit a Freedom of Information request to obtain specified further information.

On March 25 I submitted such a request asking for the date the lease would end, the annual rental figure, and the approximate tonnage collected from the site. I eventually received a formal reply on May 7. This stated that the lease expires in December 2019, details of the rental could not be provided due to such fees being of a commercially sensitive nature, and that the tonnage figure removed from the site between April 2017 and March 2018 was 3,512 tonnes.

It appears entirely reasonable to say that the tonnage collected would be significantly greater if the access was more user friendly.

With the lease ending in December 2019, it appears clear that the council now needs to come up with a far more responsible and respectful response than saying that they are 'considering' the future of the site and the 'possibility' of moving the site elsewhere. Their planning should now be relatively advanced in terms of locating and setting up any such site and action is needed, not just words.

The council has spent a significant sum in writing to all households rating them Green, Red, or Amber for waste disposal and referring to their campaign 'Everyone's doing it'. When it come to Llandow recycling , the council may well wish to rate themselves at this time and tell us precisely what action has been taken.

We do not wish to reach December and enter any further period of years or months driving through potholes to our local recycling centre.

Council's new Conservative group leader's 'clean hands' welcomed

CONGRATULATIONS to Vince Bailey on becoming leader of the Conservative group on the Vale Council.

I am a member of Friends of the Earth and DIAG, and would like to thank him for his support, both before and after becoming a councillor, and understanding of the frustration of the people with the way decisions have been made and carried out by previous administrations.

As a young and relatively new councillor, he has clean hands as far as decisions to grant planning permission and in smoothing the path for the construction and pre-commissioning of the incinerator.

This puts him in the ideal position to reach out to councillors of all political persuasions to fulfil his stated desire during a meeting with myself, Cllr D Clarke (Plaid Cymru) the Cllr ART Davies (Conservative) to push forward as a matter of urgency (before government subsidies are granted by Ofgen on the misleading premise that hot incineration of biomass material is green) an investigation into the mistakes, errors and oversights by all involved to recommend and allow the planning consents and construction of the incinerator so close to existing and proposed residential areas.

In light of 15 months' deliberation by the Welsh Government on the legalities of an Environmental Impact Assessment, a thorough investigation is the very least that the people of Barry and Wales deserve, so this debacle cannot be repeated.

I look forward to our new administration doing the right thing in an open and transparent way, keeping us all informed so people's lives will mean as much as distant moneyed pressure groups and vested interests.

Paul Robertson,
Barry.

Penarth meeting to save the planet

WITH the threat of climate change and the destruction of nature, we are now told that we have 11 to 12 years only to address the worst ever potential catastrophe that is facing mankind.

We all have to play our part.

Eco Vision Penarth is holding an open ideas forum with presenters in the environmental sector to stimulate and share ideas with the community in Penarth Pier Pavilion on Sunday, May 19 from 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

Please come and help save our planet.

Tracey Alexander
Penarth

Thank you to everyone at crash site

EARLY last Sunday morning, my wife was driving along a road when she collided with a central island.

The car overturned and she was left dazed.

A young boy who was passing and a local resident called the emergency services and she was attended by the police, fire brigade and a first responder who all made her comfortable until an ambulance took her to hospital.

After being treated, she was allowed home bruised but safe.

We would like to thank everyone who treated her at the University Hospital of Wales and at the crash scene for all their hard work.

Ashley and Julia Wallace, Barry.

'Time to think outside the box (office)'

IN the recent article in The GEM about the new Whitmore School, maybe it's time to think outside the box.

Why not get a cinema chain involved with the new school? Instead of having the standard school hall, imagine an auditorium for school use during the day and films during the evenings.

A win-win for Barry, since we currently have no cinema.

Richard Davies, Rhoose.

Editor's note: Barry does have a cinema, at the Memorial Hall, although you can never have too many cinemas in my opinion!

Conservatives who 'jumped ship' should resign

IT appears that the cabinet at the Vale Council is attempting to cling onto power by becoming independents, therefore giving themselves free rein to drive through any policy that suits them or their associates regardless of election promises, party policy or the will of the public they are supposed to serve.

Every voter in the Vale should be calling for an election in those wards where their councillor has jumped ship.

David Evans, Cowbridge.

HIGH TIDE TIMES
(UNTIL MAY 23)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

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16 Thur	05.13	9.2	17.43	9.3
17 Fri	06.03	9.6	18.33	9.7
18 Sat	06.52	9.9	19.15	9.9
19 Sun	07.37	10.0	19.56	10.1
20 Mon	08.17	10.0	20.36	9.8
21 Tues	08.55	9.8	21.13	9.6
22 Wed	09.33	9.4	21.53	9.2
23 Thurs	10.12	9.0	22.59	8.8

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Future control of the Vale Council hangs in the balance

THE leader of the Vale Council, Cllr John Thomas, has resigned from the Conservative party after he joined his cabinet in walking away from the party group.

It is understood Cllr Thomas is among five councillors who have resigned from the Conservative party after pledging to form a new independent group on the council. Three other councillors now sitting as independents have yet to confirm their intentions.

The GEM has also been told the councillors who currently remain in the party face suspension from the Vale Conservatives and action may be taken soon.

Cllr Michael Morgan, who joined the council leader and his cabinet in resigning from the council group, has also confirmed his resignation.

The leader of the new independent group is Cllr Ben Gray.

The other councillors who have resigned are deputy leader of the council, Hunter Jarvie, cabinet members Geoff Cox, Jonathan Bird and Andrew Parker and Cllr Kathryn McCaffer. Cllr Thomas and his cabinet remain in the ruling body as independent members.

A new administration is expected to be formed at the Vale Council's AGM on May 20.

The resignations came after Cllr Vince Bailey was elected Vale Conservative group leader following a vote by Tory councillors. He says he will propose a minority administration.

There is speculation that the new independent group would prop up an administration led by Labour and also include Llantwit First.

Cllr Thomas said: "My issue is the way Cllr Bailey wants to take the group and, if he gets the chance, the council. I don't think it's going to work. In his manifesto, he's rejecting any income generation opportunities.

"He's rejecting the savings that we have put in place and he's saying he will keep council tax below the level of inflation.

"I don't think he would be prepared to make the decisions necessary to keep the council on a decent financial footing which we have managed to do over the last couple of years."

The exodus from the Conservative group leaves the party with just 15 councillors.

In his manifesto, Cllr Bailey is pledging to scrap proposals to introduce new car parking charges in the Vale, stop the 'closure' of Llancarfan Primary School and curb inflation-busting council tax rises.

He also pledges to deliver the Dinas Powys Bypass, review the Vale's Local Development Plan and oppose the Barry incinerator.

Cllr Bailey said: "Unfortunately, too many people feel that their views are simply being ignored and that Vale consultations are just tick box exercises. Take the proposals around car parking charges, or the closure of Llancarfan School. I don't think anyone outside of the Civic Offices believes that those decisions weren't already done deals, and that's simply unacceptable.

"I've been criticised for wanting to listen to the people who elected me, and I make no apologies for that. Under my leadership, that's exactly what would happen and while I do accept that there are difficult decisions to be taken, we have to take the public with us – not ignore their legitimate concerns."

Conservative councillor for Dinas Powys, Andrew Robertson, has blasted the splitters for their "entitlement" and called for them to be banned.

He said: "The way in which they reacted to losing that vote demonstrates a level of entitlement that is dangerous in a politician. There has been a growing feeling among the Conservative group as a whole that the electorate of the Vale are not being well served by the cosy establishment that exists within the council.

"Increasingly we have felt that those things that the electorate wanted us to do are being denied them, and that those things that the electorate do not wish to happen are being rammed down their throats.

"I cannot say how the Conservative Association will deal with the rebels, but my advice would be that they should be banned from the Conservative Party for life.

"Most have had the benefit of safe seats in communities such as Cowbridge, St Athan, Peterston-super-Ely and Plymouth ward in Penarth. I never wish to see them being allowed to stand again in those seats on a Conservative ticket. They should never be forgiven."

Cllr Morgan pledged to work for the benefit of everyone in his ward of Peterston-Super-Ely after resigning as a Conservative.

He said: "This is not a decision I have taken lightly and has been reached after a great deal of careful thought. I respect all our councillors, regardless of their political persuasions, for their work within the Vale Council and in their wards.

"I feel that a collaborative approach among us is in the best interests of the Vale. The surge of support for independent councillors elected in England last week would support this view.

"I will continue as an independent councillor working for the benefit of everyone in our ward."

For more developments on this story, see page 8.

Matt Discombe, Local democracy reporter

St Hilary phone box pops up as a cake shop!

From left: Dan, Aneirin, Daniel, Alfie and Fred.

ON May 12, St Hilary telephone box became a pop-up shop for the morning.

It was managed by local children who, with the help of their parents, had baked a beautiful selection of cakes to sell. As ever, local residents lent their support which meant that by lunchtime it was sold out.

The boys were extremely pleased that they had raised £65 and it had given them new skills in customer service, food hygiene and managing money. They are our entrepreneurs of the future!

High street art exhibition

LOCAL marine artist Nick John Rees continues the exhibition of his work which runs until May 30.

Nick is showing more than 50 paintings featuring local scenes, as well as views from further afield.

The exhibition is being held at 23B High Street, Cowbridge and will be open every day. For more details see *www.nickjohnrees.com*.

Citizenship awards – clarification

LAST week's report on the Cowbridge Citizenship Awards, organised by Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council, contained the phrase 'first-ever' – which requires clarification.

Citizenship awards have been presented in the past – in the council chambers and to one citizen each year.

The phrase 'first ever' referred to it being the first to feature a number of winners in various categories, and also the first time for the ceremony to be held in the Bear Hotel, rather than taking place during a council meeting.

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Awards evening celebrates the town's good citizens!

Damien Marilaht accepting the senior sports award on behalf of his brother Tom.

Town Clerk Ceri Anderson with the Love Cowbridge, Hate Litter group, who received a service to the community award. ALL PHOTOGRAPHS by MIKE WILCOCK.

Jane Hutt AM presented the Honorary Citizen of the Year award to David Howell.

A special presentation was made to Cllr Jon Harris, marking his 26 years as a town councillor.

Gill Clay received the Mayor's award for 50 years, dedicated to Scouting and Guiding in Cowbridge.

Moya Vahey received an award to mark her 50th year, teaching ballet in the town.

David Weber received an award for his time as a stalwart of the Scouting movement in Cowbridge.

LAST week's GEM included a report on the Cowbridge Town Council Citizenship Awards

Space limitations mreant that we could not include all the recipents, and we are pleased to complete the report here.

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News from Llangan Primary School

AN interesting talk by PC Nic Williams took place at the school for the year-3/4 pupils on May 15. He advised the children regarding 'stranger danger'.

Maths Challenge

ON Wednesday, May 22, Llangan pupils in years 5/6 will be taking part in a Maths Challenge competition, to be hosted at St David's Primary School in Colwinston.

Saron Chapel, Treoes

THE service which took place at Saron on May 12 was very well attended by local residents. A painting by local artist Neil Evans is now hanging in the chapel.

Rev Alwyn Evans was the officiating minister and the next service at Saron will take place on June 2 at 3pm.

Reminder: a coffee and cake morning will take place at St Canna's Church, Llangan, on Saturday, May 18 between 10am – 12pm; everyone is assured of a warm welcome, so go along: it is an ideal opportunity to catch up on the local news!

Choirs and soloist Rhianna wow Pontyclun audience

COWBRIDGE Male Voice Choir was thrilled to be asked to perform in Pontyclun on behalf of the Maggie's Cancer Charity recently.

A capacity audience enjoyed a range of songs from the choir, including a new introduction of 'Anthem' from the musical *Chess*, which was met with thunderous applause at the close. Musical director Rhiannon Williams is bringing the absolute best out of the choir and the 50 choristers much enjoyed the occasion.

The audience was also treated to performances by the Simply Singers, a ladies' choir only founded in November last year but which, based on the quality and energy of their singing, is going to have to change their name to the 'Simply Sensational Singers'! Their rendition of a 'mash up' from the movie *Sister Act* will be remembered fondly for some time.

Finally, there was an extraordinary performance from the richly-talented Rhianna Hogg, a year-10 student at Cowbridge Comprehensive who absolutely astounded the audience with the clarity, confidence and pitch-perfect quality of her voice. Anybody there will testify that hers is a voice which we will all hear much more of in years to come. What a future she has!

This was a truly terrific and memorable evening which finished with a wonderful afterglow event at Pontyclun Rugby Club. The final sum of money raised for the Maggie's charity will certainly be well into the thousands of pounds.

If you would like to come along and experience singing with the Cowbridge Male Voice Choir, you can be certain of a very warm welcome – every Wednesday in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge at 7.30pm. The choir is sponsored by The Place for Homes. For further details about the choir, contact the public relations officer Jon Wilks on 07900 570172 or jon@jonwilks.co.uk.

Dinas man to run D-Day beaches for military charity

RAF Reservist Martin Wade will undertake his coastal run in June.

A DINAS Powys man will be running 44 miles along the Normandy coast to mark the 75th anniversary of D-Day on June 6.

RAF reservist Martin Wade will be following a route across the invasion beaches to raise money for the military mental health charity, Combat Stress. He will also be taking on the challenge in memory of his grandfather, Sergeant Bert Wade, who landed with the Royal Engineers on D-Day.

The 49-year-old, who has competed in many marathons, said that although this was among the toughest challenges he has taken on, he was conscious of the much tougher challenge facing men who landed on those beaches on D-Day in 1944.

Martin said: "The 44 miles will be gruelling, but it's nothing compared to the experience of those who went ashore 75 years ago. We can only imagine what it felt like to wait in a pitching landing craft, not knowing if you would be cut down in a hail of fire or if you would survive to the end of the day.

"Some did make it through, like my grand-dad, but many didn't and I will be thinking of them as I run along those beaches."

Martin serves with Number 614 (County of Glamorgan) Squadron of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force, Wales' only RAF Reserves unit. He will be joining runners who will also be raising money for military charities including The British Limbless Veterans Charity.

Martin said that he is proud to be raising money for Combat Stress and to support the work they do: "Combat Stress have been helping former servicemen and women deal with issues like post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety and depression for 100 years and have been there to help veterans from all the wars the UK has fought since then. Today, they support and give specialist treatment to veterans and I hope my fundraising will help them in the work they do."

To support Martin, visit his Justgiving page: *bit.ly/DDay44mile*

A new memorial bench in Twt Park

(Left to right); Mrs Jacqueline Jones; Town Mayor Cllr Terry Williams MBE and Mrs Lynda Eveleigh. Photograph by Mike Wilcock.

COWBRIDGE with Llanblethian Town Council is hoping that members of the community may come forward to join the council's 'adopt a bench' scheme, and the first has recently been placed in Twt Park.

A council spokeswoman said: "The town council hopes to replace a number of benches in its ownership and the 'adopt a bench' scheme will allow members of the community or local organisations to pay for a bench to be installed in the park. The bench could be a memorial for a loved one or a present for a birthday, anniversary or other celebration."

Classic car show comes to the Vale

THE Rotary Club of Dinas Powys is once again organising the Vale of Glamorgan Classic car show.

This year's show will be held on May 27 in the grounds of the Sully Sports and Leisure Club. The gates are open to the public at 10:30am, the cost of entrance is £3.50 for adults, accompanied under-14s free. The show will raise funds for Prostate Cymru, Barnardo's Cymru and local good causes.

The show promises more cars than ever. On display will be over 200 classic cars manufactured up to 1995 and a wide range of motorbikes. The National Triumph Stag Owners' Club will also attend the show and will be displaying 30 cars.

As well as vehicles you can also visit the autojumble, a haven of parts and spares for anyone working on their car; stalls selling a range of hard-to-find car and motorcycle parts, accessories, merchandise, memorabilia plus vintage items and crafts.

This year there is also plenty to do for the non-car enthusiast: there will be a range of catering outlets, charity stalls including Vale Owls and the RNLI, supported by the Barry Model Boat Club, and a fun fair.

So, whether interested in classic cars or just taking the children out for the day there will be something for everyone.

JL

The early bird catches the worm… a dawn chorus walk for U3A members

THE promise of bacon butties as a reward at the end was sufficient to tempt seven members of Cowbridge U3A natural history group to rise early from their beds and meet in Cowbridge by the bridge at the bottom of Three Fields at 5am.

It was cold, only 3°C but at least it was dry, and it was striking to hear the difference between the silent, still-dark areas and the clear songs of the blackbirds filling the air pre-dawn at the meeting place, which was lit up by street lights.

Passing through the kissing gate into Three Fields, where the cows were still asleep on the warmer, higher bank we listened attentively and tried to pick out the various birdsongs; which, with the increasing daylight, were becoming more and more difficult to disentangle.

At least no-one had any difficulty with the wood pigeon, pheasant, cockerel, herring gulls, crow and Canada goose.

The songbirds required more concentration but, with a team effort, we identified many including the black cap and the high-pitched gold crest. We slowly progressed towards Piccadilly, stopping a while at the park before taking the lane into the woods from where a cormorant and a rather squawky heron were seen flying past.

Common whitethroat, nuthatch and willow warbler were heard and sometimes seen. We were very surprised also to hear a tawny owl several times.

We wound our way up to Mount Ida and explored a little, without adding more species until we descended to have a very welcome breakfast at about 7am. A glorious male bullfinch was one of two new species seen on a bird feeder from the kitchen and a greater spotted woodpecker and even a swift were noted by some members on the way home afterwards, which brought the morning's tally up to 32 species.

Thanks go to John for his expertise with the bird calls and to Huw for his prowess cooking the best breakfast ever.

Maybe this should be an annual event?

TJ

Dementia Friends hold inaugural meeting in Llantwit

VALE MP Alun Cairns joined the Llantwit Major Dementia Friends for their inaugural coffee morning at the Llantonian Hall recently.

The group is made up of local volunteers who are supporting people living with dementia, and their carers.

The coffee morning helped to raise awareness of the work the group is carrying out, which includes providing dementia-friendly briefings to businesses and community groups. The group asked members of the public to vote on and choose the group's logo.

Mr Cairns said: "Thank you to everyone who supported the group by coming along to our coffee morning. It was brilliant to see people of all ages interested to learn about how we will support people living with dementia."

He added: "The whole of the group and I are really passionate about playing a role in raising awareness throughout Llantwit and I want to ensure that we do all that we can to create dementia-friendly communities across the Vale. We've linked up with volunteers in Cowbridge, who have done a brilliant job over the years and together we are making great progress."

The group thanked Greggs for donating cakes, Llantwit Major Town Council for their support and a number of local businesses who donated prizes to the tombola.

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Dementia Friendly Barry

WITH the support of Barry Town Council Dementia Friendly Barry are holding their free public walk-in Big Info event on the ground floor at Golau Caredig Extra Care Facility on Gladstone Road, Barry CF62 7AZ on May 21 from 10am until 1pm.

The event is to support Alzheimer's Society Dementia Action week. Dementia Friendly Barry have brought together a wide range of 16 services for people living with dementia and their families, covering all ages. We also have local Friends & Neighbours, Wales Ambulance Service, Woody's Lodge, library services, computer support, free initial solicitor's advice, CAB, and Cardiff & Vale Credit Union. You can also enjoy free cake, tea and coffee on us.

For more information email dementiafriendlybarry@outlook.com or www.dementiafriendlyvale.co.uk.

Floral Society

BARRY Floral Society next meets on Tuesday, May 21 when there will be a floral demonstration by Sally Taylor from Yate entitled 'Sallying Forth Yet Again'.

The meeting takes place at St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry at 2.15pm. New members are always welcome.

PACT meetings

WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

Dyfan PACT at Highlight Park Community Centre on Sunday, May 19 at 7pm.

Coffee & Chat will take place at The Village Shop, Colwinston at 11am on Friday, May 24.

Maesteg East, Maesteg West and Llangynwyd PACT at Cwm Calon Day Centre on Thursday, May 23 at 6pm.

Bettws PACT at Bettws Life Centre on Thursday, May 23 at 2pm.

Garw PACT public meeting/drop-in meetings will be held at Pontycymmer police station on Saturday, June 8 from 1pm – 3pm.

New Town Mayor for Llantwit Major

ON Thursday, May 9 the Annual Meeting of Llantwit Major Town Council took place when Cllr Robert Gant was elected Town Mayor for 2019/20 and named his wife, Lynne Gant, as his Consort.

Cllr Gerwyn Thomas was elected deputy Town Mayor.

Cllr Gant said: "Thank you to my fellow town councillors for considering me worthy for the post of Mayor; it is a great honour and privilege. Many congratulations to my predecessor, Cllr Dr Ellis, for a very successful year as Town Mayor.

"In particular, I would like to commend Cllr Dr Ellis on re-establishing the Llantwit Major Twinning Committee."

Cllr Gant confirmed he will continue with the objective set last year: "To make Llantwit Major a safer, healthier and more sustainable town in which to live".

Cllr Gant has nominated Llantwit Major Stroke Support Group, Llantwit Major Vale Plus and Woody's Lodge as his three chosen charities.

Soroptimists welcome guests at May Fair

THE Mayor and Mayoress of Cowbridge with the Town Crier stopped by the Bridgend Soroptimists' tombola stall at the May Fair on May 6.

The Bridgend club were raising funds for their president's mental health charity.

The 'Guess the Name of the Bear' competition was won by Hannah Kennedy from Miskin, who was spot on with calling him Barnaby. Follow the Soroptimists at *sigbi.org/bridgend-and-district.*

EB

Llantwit Youth Council win Keep Wales Tidy award

CONGRATULATIONS to Llantwit Youth Council who are the winners of the Wrigley Litter Less Campaign National Award 2019.

The Youth Council's Litter Report was awarded first place for the Article 15-18 Category.

Young Reporters for the Environment Litter Less Campaign in an international journalism competition run in Wales by Keep Wales Tidy on behalf of FEE (The Foundation for Environmental Education).

Llantwit Youth Council investigated areas surrounding the local schools, leisure centre and shopping areas and suggested changes the local community could make to improve the litter problem.

The full article can be viewed on the Llantwit Major Town Council website or Facebook page.

Pet Sunday at St Michael's, Colwinston

THE annual pet service was held in the churchyard at St Michael's Church, Colwinston on a glorious sunny morning.

All the dogs behaved well and their owners sang joyfully.

The sermon of St Francis and the Bible story of Noah's Ark were read and the children led the prayers.

Kathy Kettle played songs about animals on the guitar and Rev Alan Kettle read poems. The animals were blessed and everyone gave thanks for the warm sunny morning.

KJ

Cowbridge churches are offering a 'Big Brekkie'

CHURCHES Together in Cowbridge are inviting people to tuck into a fundraising breakfast and serve up better futures for people living in poverty around the world this Christian Aid Week (May 12-18).

In addition to the sandwiches a continental style buffet will be available during the Big Brekkie from 9.30am until 12pm on Saturday, May 18 at Holy Cross Church, at the end of Christian Aid Week.

Rev Victoria Ashley, team vicar for the Rectorial Benefice of Cowbridge said: "We've organised this Big Brekkie because Christian Aid is a charity that believes in the dignity and worth of all the people they work with. They are saving and transforming lives across the world and it is a privilege to be part of that global movement.

"Food brings people together, which is appropriate because that's what Christian Aid does. It enables us, here in Cowbridge, to reach out in solidarity to the world's most vulnerable people and to enjoy a tasty breakfast at the same time."

This year's Christian Aid Week campaign draws attention to the high maternal death rate in Sierra Leone – the most dangerous place to become a mum. An estimated 15,000 mothers have died during childbirth since the ebola crisis in 2014.

Women in Sierra Leone face a lack of access to healthcare, including trained midwives and healthcare professionals.

Christian Aid is helping remote communities come together to build health clinics as well as training nurses to provide urgent care in communities and improving hygiene, so mothers and babies are more likely to fight off diseases.

A sum of £60 raised could buy a starter kit for community health workers, which includes a bicycle, torch, rain coat and rain boots. Just £15 could buy a stethoscope or a bucket of paint for a community health clinic.

This Christian Aid Week, individuals and groups can help to change the lives of people by donating online at caweek.org calling 08080 006 006, or texting 'GIVE' to 70040 to give £5.

Inspiring ambition earns recognition for Cowbridge sixth formers

AN opportunity to highlight the inspiring work of local sixth sorm students had Cowbridge Rotary presenting a series of recognition awards at the annual Cowbridge Comprehensive School end of year awards.

Cowbridge Rotary works closely with schools throughout the area, supporting and sponsoring activities and events awards, and Cowbridge Rotary president, Michael Long, and youth group member Steve Pearce were welcomed to the ceremony by assistant headteacher Jonathan Ling, head of sixth form Alison Davies and head of year-13, Jamie Taylor.

Rotary sponsored and presented awards for hard work, commitment and special achievement across a range of subjects, from sociology to sport and psychology to physics.

Michael Long said: "It is always an honour to be able to highlight the good work of young people in our schools. Their achievements are admirable, their ambition inspiring, and Cowbridge Rotary is delighted to continue supporting the school's efforts in encouraging them onwards."

Cowbridge woman cuts the country market anniversary cake

FOUR members of Cowbridge Country Markets travelled to Stafford recently for the 100th anniversary celebration of the national organisation.

As one of the oldest active producers, Molly Ranger, who lives in Cowbridge, was invited to help with cutting the celebration cake.

Shena Sarjeant

All the fun of the (May) Fair in Cowbridge

LLANTWIT Major and Cowbridge Lions Club would like to thank all those who supported their Cowbridge May Fair at the Bear Field on Bank Holiday Monday, May 6.

A Lions spokesman said: "The Lions were very pleased with the way the fair went and felt that there was a really good community atmosphere with crowds of people of all ages getting involved.

"There were many positive comments on the day and more since on Facebook, which is pleasing.

"Final figures are not available yet but it is estimated that some £2,500 will have been raised as a result of the generosity of the public. This will all be used by Lions to support a variety of worthy causes.

"One thing which was notable was the absence of litter on the field. People were using the bins provided which was great to see. What little litter there was on the field was cleared up at the end of the day and the following day you would not have known that there had been a big event on the field the day before. Well done everybody!

"This was the fourth Cowbridge May Fair that the Lions have done, the first being in 2013 and then every two years since. The intention is to have a fifth in 2021."

Vale AM Jane Hutt said: "It was great to attend the Cowbridge May Fair thanks to the hard work of the volunteers in the Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club, who organised a full day of events with choirs, stalls and competitions."

GEM NOTE: All photos apart from bottom left are by Mike Wilcock.

Welsh 'exile' returns for a nostalgic trip to Barry Island

Adrian Pike is pictured with his sisters Margaret and Ruth during the May Bank Holiday. IMAGE by ANDY WICKS

A FORMER south Wales resident made a nostalgic trip back to Barry Island earlier this month.

Adrian Pike, who was originally from Pontypridd, left Wales for the United States in 1981. When he returned recently after 38 years, Barry Island was high on his list of places to visit.

Mr Pike worked at Tenovus in Cardiff before relocating to Denver and taking up a role as a professor at Colorado University of Health & Science.

He told The GEM: "I remember travelling to Barry Island with my mother on a steam train over 50 years ago in the days of Butlins, scenic railways and cable cars. It was wonderful to return there."

Despite the passing years, Mr Pike observed that while the landscape of Whitmore Bay with the shelters had changed very little, there were significant changes to the outlying areas. He enjoyed a coffee at Marco's Cafe and chips in the Western Shelter.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Big Screen Cowbridge

BIG Screen's next film for this season is The Favourite (Cert 15) on Thursday, May 23 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

In the early 18th century England is at war with France and a frail Queen Anne (Olivia Colman) occupies the throne; her close friend Lady Sarah (Rachel Weisz) governs the country in her stead while tending to Anne's ill health and terrible tantrums.

Doors open 7.10pm, tickets £4 available in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on the door. Ice creams!

Plants in Cowbridge

A PLANT Sale will be held on Saturday, May 25 between 10am-12.30pm, Cowbridge Lesser Town Hall, CF71 7AD.

Held on behalf of Hardy Plant Society south Wales group there is free entry, non-members welcome. Interesting and unusual plants as well as tea, coffees and home made cakes. For further information call 01446 774036.

Russell's so glad that he's the 'best loser'!

BEING the 'best loser' wouldn't normally help you to scoop an award, but a man from Cowbridge has done that after being named the town's 'Greatest Loser 2019'.

That's because Russell Spencer Downe has lost a life-changing 3st 7.5lbs to take the Cowbridge Slimming World group title.

He went from 19st 10lbs to 16st 2.5lbs, and said: "There's absolutely nothing wrong with being a loser when it feels this good. I feel like a new man since losing weight. In fact, I look so different that people who I haven't seen for a while often can't believe I'm the same person."

Russell attends his local Slimming World group at Cowbridge Rugby Club.

He explained: "When I first walked through those doors, I was scared and nervous. I needn't have worried though, everyone there was so friendly, especially my consultant. I was so relieved when I found out that my weight was confidential. Since then I've made so many friends at the group and I honestly don't think I could have done it without their support each week."

Russell followed the club's 'food optimising' eating plan, swapping high fat foods for healthy home cooked meals.

Jordan, who runs the Tuesday Cowbridge Slimming World group, added: "The changes we've seen in Russell are incredible. I hope his success will inspire other people in Cowbridge who'd like to lose weight."

The Cowbridge group meets every Tuesday at 5.30pm at the rugby club. For more information, call Jordan on 07808 093990 or go along on the night.

Running with the bulls in Cowbridge

THE biannual Cowbridge Chamber of Trade Bull Run, held at the Lions' May Day event on Monday proved really popular yet again.

The Secretary of State for Wales, Alun Cairns fresh from his London marathon, turned up to wish the runners luck. Then it was a quick line up before they were off, three laps round the obstacle course while dodging rotten tomatoes, followed by a quick sprint to the finish line.

The prize winners were:

Fastest boy under 18 (prize £20) – Rhydian Bailey of the Cathedral School, year-7.

Fastest girl under 18 (prize £20) – Tegan Case, Cowbridge School, year-9.

Fastest adult (prize £50) – Jon Thang.

Best fancy dress (prize £20) – Maud Langlois-Cannon Cowbridge School year-11.

We would like to thank Bar 44 for sponsoring this year's prizes on behalf of the Chamber.

A special thank you also to Pete John for bringing all the jumps, Tim Bird and his litter pickers for clearing up and John Andrew and the Lions' team for organising this wonderful community event.

Kate Thomas

Miracle mum survived being dumped in a black bag and now has a beautiful kitten

Friday and baby kitten Saturday. (Photo be Sue Dobbs).

A PREGNANT cat was dumped and left for dead in a bin bag by the side of the road in Pontycymmer and was only discovered when children in a nearby garden heard her meows and alerted their father.

"The children's father went to investigate and found the cat inside a plastic bin bag – which had been tied in a knot to seal it," said Sue Dobbs, manager of Cats Protection's Bridgend Adoption Centre.

"This was on Good Friday, the hottest day of the year so far.

"Temperatures reached 21ºC so it would have been extremely hot inside the bag and the poor cat inside had no escape route.

"It's unlikely the cat would have survived for much longer if she hadn't been discovered when she was."

The member of the public took the cat – now named Friday after the day she was found – to Cats Protection's Bridgend Adoption Centre in Pant Hirwaun, Bryncethin.

One-year-old Friday was treated for conjunctivitis and cat flu and on Saturday, May 4, she gave birth to a black-and-white kitten. The kitten has been named Saturday.

Sue said: "Friday was clearly traumatised by her ordeal when she first arrived but she soon turned into a little sweetie.

"She's very chatty and has obviously been someone's pet at some point.

"Her kitten Saturday is a little miracle. Despite their terrible ordeal they're both doing well and Friday is proving to be a fantastic mum."

Friday and her kitten won't be available for adoption or reservations until they are ready to go to their forever homes after about eight weeks.

Anyone interested in giving them a new home can keep an eye out for them on the centre's website: www.bridgend.cats.org.uk/bridgend.

You can also help the centre fund Friday and Saturday's care via Just Giving: www.bit.ly/2JdxJF7 or by texting BRID to 70577 to donate £5 (text donation terms and conditions can be found at www.cats.org.uk/sms-terms).

Sue said: "I urge anyone who is no longer able to care for their cat or kittens to get in touch with us.

"We understand that life can change drastically and rapidly, so there's no judgement when cats and kittens are handed over to us – we just want them to be safe and well.

"It also helps if we can be given as much information about the cat's history, personality and likes and dislikes that we can pass on to future adopters."

This year Cats Protection's cat care assistants, who help look after cats like Friday and her kitten, are being supported by players of People's Postcode Lottery, who have raised just over £1million for the charity to-date.

'The Vale Council is heading for coalition' – official

THE current Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Cllr John Thomas has this week formally resigned his position, with effect from the Council's Annual General Meeting on Monday, May 20.

A statement from a Vale Council spokesperson said: "The head of democratic services has also received formal notification from a group of eight councillors that they have established a new political group, the Vale Independents Group.

"Notification has also been received from the group leaders of the Labour, Llantwit First and the Vale Independents groups of their intention to form a coalition administration following the election of a new Leader of the Council at the AGM.

"A new cabinet and cabinet portfolios will then be presented to the meeting.

"New chairs for the Council's scrutiny and regulatory committees will also be proposed and elected at the meeting. The future allocation of committee seats will be published ahead of the AGM, once the political balance calculations that determine each group's allocation have been completed."

Digital skills courses launched for rural Vale

BUDDING bloggers, social media influencers and web designers in the rural Vale will be able to sharpen their skills this summer at a series of courses launched this week by the Vale Council.

There are also courses on offer with a more entrepreneurial focus, including sessions on using Google Ads, e-commerce tools and LinkedIn, as well as others designed to help individuals get up to speed on some of the benefits the internet has to offer.

All the courses take place in May, June and July. All residents living in the rural Vale or those working for third sector organisations benefitting the Vale are eligible for a heavily subsidised rate.

Cllr Jonathan Bird, cabinet member for regeneration and planning, said: "The council recognises digital technology has the potential to transform areas like the rural Vale, and the prospects for people living and doing business there.

"These courses are designed to keep those living in the rural Vale, and third sector organisations working in the Vale, up to speed with the latest developments in digital technology.

"The rural Vale is home to all types of people and we have tried to make sure there is something for everyone. People can give their prospects a boost by learning more about digital marketing and doing business online.

"We expect demand to be very high, so anyone interested should book soon to avoid disappointment."

The courses are running from May 13 to July 11 and are either 'bitesize' three-hour sessions, extended 6.5 hour sessions, or in the case of the 'Build your own Website' course, a series of three three-hour sessions. All of the courses are being delivered by ProMo Cymru.

Further details and links to book can be found online at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/digitaltraining. Alternatively anyone interested can call 01446 704754 or email create@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk for more information.

'Scrap Vale parking proposals' says new Tory group leader

THE new Conservative group leader on the Vale Council has pledged to take proposed car parking charges "back to the drawing board" after meeting Barry Island traders.

Local Conservative group leader, Cllr Vincent Bailey (left) met Barry Island trader Louis Ross of Barrybados last week.

Cllr Vincent Bailey met Louis Ross, who runs the Beach Hut Gift Shop and Barrybados, last week. During the meeting he outlined his plans for the Vale and pledged to scrap the current proposals for car parking which were produced under the outgoing administration.

Cllr Bailey hopes to form a minority administration on the council next week, but a coalition of other groups could also take control.

He said: "The traders aren't saying that no-one should ever pay to park on the Island, but it's clear that the current proposals would be a disaster for them – especially during winter.

"These plans were flawed from the start and would also do huge damage to our struggling town centres. Sadly, the policy looks more like a 'cash grab' than a genuine attempt to improve parking in the county.

"That's why we need to take this package right back to the drawing board and work with everyone affected to come up with a scheme that works for the whole of the Vale."

Cllr Bailey said other groups on the council had to make their views clear on the issue, particularly those seeking to lead the council.

Mr Ross told The GEM: "It was a productive meeting. I've met all the three main parties, Plaid, Labour and the Conservatives. My view is that the parking proposals should be scrapped and we should start again. Not one trader was properly consulted."

Mr Ross said he hoped that the groups taking control of the Vale Council next week would adopt a similar view.

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Vale Council launches Veteran Advice Centre

THE Vale Council has launched a new service offering free impartial information, advice and support to members of the Armed Forces within the county.

Those who are serving or have served can access guidance and assistance from a specially designated officer on matters such as housing, employment, finances, benefits, social care and more.

The Veteran Advice Service also helps to identify which of the many organisations supporting the Armed Forces community can offer the right assistance in each individual case.

Cllr Janice Charles, Vale Council Armed Forces Champion, said: "Armed Forces veterans put everything on the line to help protect their communities and it's important we do all we can to help them in any way possible.

"Adjusting back to civilian life after service can be difficult and the aim of this initiative is to make that process as simple as possible. I'm proud to be the Vale's Armed Forces Champion and represent some of the most valuable people within our community."

Recently, the Council's Armed Forces advisor, Abigail Warburton, helped rehome one veteran who had been living in his car. He was taken through the process of applying for council housing and was subsequently offered a home which was furnished with a bed, sofa, dining table and chairs, stereo and more by the family of another veteran, Thomas Brinley Evans, who had recently passed away.

Further items, including a washing machine and cleaning products, were donated by Caroline and Helena Morgan-Phillips of Poppylicious. Jan, a coordinator of Friends of Rhondda Rotary Community Shop, donated furniture and some crockery, while Richard Jones Carpets of Barry offered free carpets after learning of the veteran's plight. The Royal British Legion have also offered support and ongoing contact through their community support project.

The Veteran said: "I would like to say a special thank you to Abi Warburton. This lady has been outstanding and without her support and kindness I would still be living in my car. The warm fuzzy feeling that I had just knowing that she was behind the scenes fighting my corner was great.

"She was ringing me at least once a week even if there was no good news, which was very reassuring. The Armed Forces community need more Abi Warburtons in my opinion, as the empathy and passion that she has is second to none."

The Veteran Advice Service can be contacted from Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 5pm by calling 07725 704655 or emailing veteranService@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk. Drop-in sessions are also held at local libraries in Barry, Penarth, Llantwit Major, Cowbridge, Sully, Wenvoe, St Athan, Rhoose and Dinas Powys.

Bro Radio says 'Shwmae!' to all Welsh learners

THE Vale Council's Learn Welsh department have collaborated with Bro Radio to launch a new Welsh language podcast.

'Shwmae' will be hosted by Vale Breakfast presenter, Gareth Knight, and is aimed at engaging new and existing Welsh language learners.

Complete beginners will be able to pick up conversational Welsh, as well as providing more advanced learners with the opportunity to practice their Welsh outside of the classroom. It will also encourage those who are unable to attend weekly classes to have a go at learning.

Vale Council director of learning and skills, Paula Ham, said: "This is a positive incentive to encourage more people be a part of the growing number of Welsh language speakers and learners. Without a doubt, it is projects like these which will help cultivate a thriving Welsh language community of the future."

At the beginning of 2019, Bro Radio pledged to broadcast a series of weekly and monthly podcasts, covering a range of topics including sport, history, mental health, the local community and the Welsh language.

Nathan Spackman, operations director at Bro Radio said: "The podcast is a great opportunity for Bro Radio to continue to develop its Welsh language content, alongside our existing Welsh Show which airs each Tuesday night from 9pm.

"As a non-Welsh speaker, I really enjoyed listening to the first two podcasts over the bank holiday weekend and I hope others will enjoy learning from them too."

Each podcast is around 12 minutes long and is broadcast weekly. It is completely free to download or listen to from Bro Radio's website.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Twinning association's coffee morning

THE newly reformed Llantwit Major Town Twinning Association is holding its inaugural fundraising event on Saturday, May 18 in the Llantonian Hall from 10am to 12 noon.

A spokesman said: "Come and join us for a French-themed coffee morning with croissants and a raffle. Entry on the door is £3. All are welcome and information about the association and our links with Le Pouliguen in Brittany will be available."

AM surgery at Age Connects

DO you have a local issue that you need help with?

Jane Hutt AM will hold a surgery on Friday, May 24 at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry from 9.30am to 11am. No appointment is needed; call 01446 732385 for further information.

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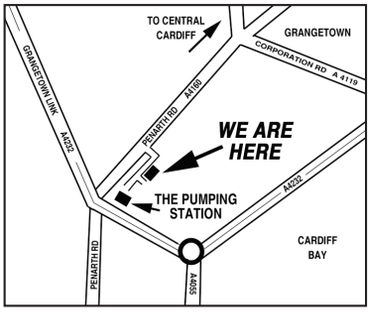

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Wales' largest coastal Walking Festival comes to the Vale

THIS month, a new two-day walking festival celebrating seven years of the 870-mile coast path will take place in the Vale and Carmarthenshire.

On May 18-19, a selection of new walks organised by the Wales Coast Path and Ramblers Cymru will showcase the unique natural beauty and wildlife found along the southern stretches of the Wales Coast Path.

On May 19, the festival programme concentrates on the Vale with the following walks: 9.30am, Saints and Castles, Wick to Llantwit Major; 9.45am, Rhoose to Llantwit Major, Rail Ramble; 9.45am, Barry to Llantwit Major: Severn Views and Heritage Coast; 10am, Celtic Crosses and Ancient Stories: Llantwit Major; 10am, Llantwit Major Beach Clean: Tresilian Bay; 10.15am, Marcross to Llantwit Major; 2pm, The Seven Deadly Sins, Llancarfan.

The previous day (Saturday) the walks are all in Carmarthenshire and can be seen on the website below.

All walks will be led by experienced guides offering insights into the unique wildlife, fascinating history and culture that can be found along the way.

Register to attend the festival: *www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/wales-coast-path-walking-festival-2019-18812644097*

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Vale students selected for Yale and Harvard summer programmes

FOUR year-12 pupils from the Vale have been selected to take part in summer school programmes at prestigious universities, Harvard and Yale.

Jamie Bailey is one of two from St Cyres who will be attending, along with Morgan Gamer of Llantwit Major and Stanwell's Emma Monaghan.

The initiative comes from the WG Seren Network, which consists of 11 hubs across Wales. The Hubs provide the brightest students in Wales with information, guidance and support to raise aspirations to apply to top Universities in the UK and globally.

As part of the Seren Network, partnerships have been established to offer opportunities for Welsh pupils to take part in summer schemes at top universities overseas.

Among these is the Yale Young Global Scholars (YYGS) Program at Yale University, a summer academic enrichment and leadership program for high schoolers from around the world and the Harvard Summer School Pre-College Program at Harvard University, an immersive, collaborative, and transformative residential experience.

This year, the Seren Network will aim to support 53 young people attending either the Yale or Harvard programmes, which will be co-funded by the Welsh Government.

Seren students wishing to apply for the scheme must be in year-12 and have achieved a minimum of 5 A* at GCSE.

The Vale Council director of learning and skills, Paula Ham, said: "The partnerships established are a huge success story for both the Seren Network and the students involved. With access to these programmes, they will be exposed to a wealth of experiences, invaluable to their academic development. I wish them the best of luck over the summer."

Jamie Bailey of St Cyres School said: "I feel very privileged and grateful to have been selected for the programme. The application process was very demanding,but definitely worthwhile! I cannot wait to meet lots of new people. I am very thankful to be given such an incredible opportunity."

Handsome Jamie is looking for a home

Jamie with Becky from Dog's Trust.

JAMIE is a four-year-old French Bulldog who is a handsome little dog who enjoys running in the field and exploring, and he is Bridgend Dogs Trust's 'Dog of the Week'.

He is looking for a committed owner who can continue with his training needs. He does mix with dogs but prefers calmer, female dogs of a similar size. Jamie can be a little worried with over handling, so owners will need to take things slow with him. Once he trusts you, he loves to shower you with lots of kisses.

Jamie will need a quiet, experienced adult-only home. He is very food and toy oriented, which will help with his training. Potential owners will need to live relatively close to the centre so that multiple visits can be made to help with his training.

Assistant manager Becky said: "Jamie is a charming boy who is going to be a star in his new home."

You can see his video at: *www.dogstrust.org.uk/rehoming/dogs/dog/filters/bri~~~~~n~/1217900/jamie.*

For more information on Jamie, visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Bridgend, CF31 4NG, call 01656 725219 or visit *www.dogstrust.org.uk.*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Barry Mayor's coffee morning

MEMBERS of the public are invited to join the town Mayor for coffee, tea and cake on Thursday, May 23 between 10am and 12pm at Cadoxton Methodist Church, Church Road, Barry CF63 1JX.

Entry to the event is £2 and all proceeds from the event are in aid of the Mayor's nominated charities, which are Atal y Fro and The Intersensory Club.

Cantorion to perform

CANTORION ladies' choir will give a summer concert on June 7 at Pontyclun Athletic Club, Castan Road, Pontyclun (CF72 9EH) at 7.30pm.

Tickets £5 from Leah Jenkins-Trask on 07955 476205 or pay at the door. Come enjoy a relaxing night of music; our charity this year is sepsis.

Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival 2019

Tuesday 21 - Sunday 26 May All walks are FREE and everyone welcome

Full details ONLINE: www.valeofglamorganwalkingfestival.org.uk or Phone 01446 749000

	Day/Time	Miles	Location	Walk Name	Start
	Tuesday 21 May				
1	1100-1230	2	Porthkerry	Festival Launch – Views of Porthkerry Viaduct	Forest Lodge, Porthkerry Country Park, Barry CF62 3BY
2	1030-1600	7	Peterston-super-Ely	Ridge and Valley	Sportsmans Rest, Peterston-Super-Ely CF5 6LH
3	1400-1600	3-4	Barry	Sea, Trees and Stairs	Romilly Park, Barry CF62 6RQ by the tennis courts
4	1400-1700	6	Colwinston	The Three Village Walk	The War Memorial, Coed Marsamen, Colwinston CF71 7NG
5	1830-2000	1	Southerndown	Historic Dunraven	Dunraven Bay Car Park CF32 0RP
	Wednesday 22 May				
6	1000-1200	4	Dinas Powys	Discovering Dinas Powys Hillfort	War Memorial, Dinas Powys Village Square, Station Rd CF64 4DE
7	1000-1600	12	Monknash	Heritage Coast and Rural Vale	Monknash Beach Car Park opp. New Mill Farm CF71 7QQ
8	1100-1500	7	Wenvoe	Wenvoe Wildlife	Pugh's Garden Village Car Park, Port Rd. Wenvoe CF5 6AD
9	1100-1700	5	Llandough	Stepping Back in Time – Early Medieval Secrets of the Vale	St.Dochdwy's Church, Llandough Hill, Llandough CF64 2NA
10	1400-1530	3	Barry	Discovering the Romans, Normans & Victorians in Barry	Bron Y Môr Car Park, Cold Knap, Barry CF62 6SW
11	1830-2145	3	Llantwit Major	Llantwit Major (through the lens)	Town Hall, Church Street, Llantwit Major CF61 1SB
	Thursday 23 May				
12	0915-1315	9	Penmark	Circumnavigate the world in 4 hours!	Six Bells Inn, Penmark CF62 3BP
13	1000-1230	5	Penarth	Discovering Lavernock Nature Reserve & WW2 Battery	Penarth Cliff Top Car Park, Cliff Parade, Penarth CF64 5BP
14	1400-1730	6	Llancarfan	Discover medieval wall paintings Llancarfan	Car park to rear of The Fox & Hounds Inn, Llancarfan CF62 3AD
15	1530-1730	3	Penarth	Penarth Scenic Walk – Music Festival ♫	Penarth Pier Pavilion, The Esplanade CF64 3AU
	Friday 24 May				
16	1000-1330	6	Ystradowen	Aberthin and Ystradowen Circuit	Bus stop on Maendy Road, Aberthin CF71 7LE
17	1100-1430	4	Barry	A Castle, the Mill in the Woods and Roman Ford	Romilly's Café, Cold Knap, Barry CF62 6SW
18	1400-1630	4.5	Colwinston	Worney Wood Wander	Colwinston Church Car Park CF71 1NL
19	1600-1800	3	Barry	Discover the secrets of Barry Docks Office	Entrance to Barry Docks Office, Ffordd Y Mileniwm CF63 4RT
20	1900-2100	2.5	Sully	Roads and Coastal Circular	Seashore Grill, Beach Rd. Sully CF64 5UG
	Saturday 25 May				
21	1000-1300	5	Penarth	Penarth and Barrage	Penarth Barrage Car Park CF10 4LY
22	1030-1530	8	Cowbridge	Castle, Court and Wells	Car park behind the Town Hall, Cowbridge CF71 7AD
23	1100-1400	4	Cosmeston	The Oldest Church in the Vale of Glamorgan	Cosmeston Country Park Visitor Centre CF64 5UY
24	1400-1630	5	Gileston	East Orchard Castle	Gileston Beach Car Park CF62 4HX
	Sunday 26 May				
25	1000-1330	6.5	Cowbridge	Iolo Morganwg Heritage Walk	Cowbridge Town Hall Car Park CF71 7AD
26	1400-1700	5	Dinas Powys	Salmon Leaps	St Peter's Church, Mill Rd. Dinas Powys CF64 4BT
27	1500-1700	1.5	Barry	Victorian Barry Dock	Thompson St. shoppers car park, Greenwood St. CF63 4JL
28	1800-1900	2	Barry Island	Barry Island Sundowner	Barry Island Promenade by RNLI shop CF62 5TQ

♫ This walk links to a concert taking place in the area as part of the Vale of Glamorgan Festival. For details visit:- www.valeofglamorganfestival.org.uk

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On Your Bike for Barnardo's proves to be a family affair

Dad Gethin Thomas with Seren, five, mum Kate Thomas, Elen Thomas, seven and grandfather Edwin Brewer with their medals.

The first riders across the line were Craig Francis, Mark Litchfield and Rustin Edmunds.

THREE generations of the same family were among 120 cyclists who took part in this year's On Your Bike for Barnardo's cycle ride.

Organisers of the fundraising event were delighted with both its success and the perfect weather as the last attempt to run it in the autumn was scuppered by one of the biggest storms of the year.

On Your Bike for Barnardo's, which was founded back in 1982, had real family appeal this year as a six-mile family run took place in Cardiff Bay in addition to a 35-mile route from the Bay and through the Vale of Glamorgan.

Grandfather Edwin Brewer, 65 of Bridgend, took part in the longer route and was delighted that his daughter and son-in-law Kate and Gethin Thomas of Cardiff were able to join the family ride, with their daughters Elen, seven, and Seren, five.

Edwin, who runs his own cycle repair business said: "It was a great day. The route through the Vale was a lovely one and the weather perfect. I've taken part five or six times but it was great to see the whole family in it this year."

First across the line were Craig Francis of Porthcawl and Rustin Edmunds of Bridgend who remembered each other from their school days at Bryntirion Comprehensive 30 years ago, but had never cycled together before.

Craig said: "It was great to meet up and it was a lovely route with lots of time away from traffic."

The money raised from On Your Bike will go towards supporting the work of Barnardo's Cymru which works with some of the most vulnerable children, young people and families in Wales.

Could you be an RWAS agricultural ambassador?

ON May 12, the Vale area of the Glamorgan Royal Welsh Agricultural Society committee held a wonderful afternoon fundraiser in the form of a Mad Hatters Tea Party recently.

The event was well supported at Rosedew, Llantwit Major, where a feast of delectable delights were served and a huge thank you goes to the Davies family for the perfect venue.

The committee is now looking for an ambassador for their feature year in 2021 who can be male or female, living in the county of Glamorgan, under the age of 35, possessing energy and drive to undertake the voluntary role and attend meetings and events at county and society level.

The ideal candidate needs to be charismatic and have natural interpersonal skills, being happy to work within the RWAS business and marketing team to help promote and educate on agriculture.

Anyone interested in this honorary role should see the link on the society website or contact secretary Charlotte Thomas at glamorganrwas@gmail.com for an application form. The closing date is May 31, 2019.

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New road safety investment schemes to be launched in Vale

Cllr John Thomas with instructors and pupils at High Street Primary School.

CLLR John Thomas, the Leader of the Vale Council, visited High Street School in Barry for the launch of a road safety scheme that will provide investment in a number of projects across the county.

Welsh Government funding has been secured for initiatives that involve making safety upgrades to certain routes and improving safety among road users through training.

In total, eight initiatives will be launched in the Vale which include two road improvement projects in Barry and another in Llandow, as well as Vale-wide training courses for drivers, cyclists and motorcyclists.

Cardiff Road in Barry, between Green Lane and Biglis roundabout, will have its speed limit reduced to 40mph, vehicle-activated speed warning signs installed and high-friction surfacing introduced at bends.

Work on the road from Floodgate Roundabout to Nash Corner in Llandow will include the extension of edge of carriageway markings and the creation of a 750 metre central hatched area.

A route in Barry that extends along Porthkerry, Romilly and Windsor Roads and passes a number of schools will benefit from better pedestrian crossing opportunities.

In addition, there will be child pedestrian training for five to seven-year-olds in the Vale, helping them stay safe around roads, and cycle training for year six pupils.

Pre-driver education courses will be on offer to those aged 16 and over, providing the opportunity to develop safe behaviours before getting behind the wheel.

The post-test motorbike training available adds another safety level to those who have recently passed their test, as does the Pass Plus Cymru scheme for new drivers.

Cllr Thomas said: "This is a fantastic initiative that will have benefits throughout the Vale, making travel routes in the county safer."

Passengers in Penarth are the first to trial TfW's new Smartcard

Jan Palmer, registered nurse day therapy at Marie Curie Hospice, Sarah Lloyd-Davies – Marie Curie Hospice manager and Richard Martin – TfW Rail Services station manager Valleys South.

PASSENGERS travelling from Penarth to Cardiff will be the first to test the Transport for Wales Rail Services' (TfW) new Smartcard, a more durable and easier alternative to paper tickets.

The TfW Rail Services Smartcard is available to weekly season ticket holders and is free via the TfW Rail Services website. The Smartcard provides extra security as it can be cancelled or blocked at any time through the TfW Rail Services website or app and will not de-magnetise if accidentally placed next to a smartphone. With the Smartcard, passengers will be able to load their weekly season ticket onto it.

TfW Rail Services has also announced that it will be donating £1,000 to Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth when the pilot surpasses the first 500 sign-ups.

For more information about TfW, and how to purchase tickets, visit tfwrail.wales, a ticket office or download the TfW Rail app.

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Congratulations to the GEM on your continued excellent coverage of local issues across the Vale of Glamorgan & especially for your support for Llantwit Major and its Town Council & residents.

Pupil takes Urdd Eisteddfod cookery prize

YSGOL Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg year-5 pupil Seren Thomas has won the Cardiff and Vale round of the Urdd Eisteddfod cooking competition, baking delicious vegetable soup with nut free pesto and cheddar, accompanied by apple and herb scones.

Seren will now cook in the final 'bake off' for years 4 to 6 pupils on Monday, May 27, and compete against pupils from all over Wales. They will be putting their skills to the test in the kitchens on the cooking stage at the National Eisteddfod yr Urdd in Cardiff Bay.

Ms Becca Pugh, assistant headteacher commented: "Seren is the first pupil from our primary school to win through to the national Eisteddfod cooking competition. We are very excited and wish Seren pob lwc".

The Eisteddfod will run from May 27 to June 1 with free entry to the stalls, and tickets for the pavilion on sale at www.urdd.cymru/en/eisteddfod/eisteddfod-2019/tickets.

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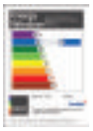

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Sully company enjoys success at the UK Roofing Awards

CAMILLERI Roofing, based in Sully, has maintained its reputation for high quality work by securing their 10th national roofing accolade at this year's UK Roofing Awards.

The UK Roofing Awards is an industry-wide event that recognises and rewards outstanding standards of workmanship and safety within the UK roofing industry.

The event was held in London on May 10, when property expert Sarah Beeny presented Camilleri Roofing's Simon Bailey with the Roof Slating award in recognition of their work on the grade II listed BSK Building at Clifton College in Bristol which featured duo-pitch roofs with distinctive ornamental alternating bands, replicating the original design from 1862.

The project adds to Camilleri Roofing's impressive portfolio of historic buildings and includes Cardiff Bay's iconic Pierhead Building, for which they won the same award in 2006.

A spokesman from Nichols Brown Webber Architects said: "As it was such a large expanse of roof, the slate played a massive part in the project and the results are beautiful and dramatic."

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News from the Fonmon Apiary, with Harold Williams

DESPITE a weather pattern that is described as unsettled the bees are making some progress. In fact, my attempts to handle the rapid expansion of all of the colonies has not been too successful: three of them have swarmed.

While swarming causes some beekeepers to gnash their teeth because of the loss of bees, it has to be recognised that the swarming impulse is a natural part of a honeybee's lifecycle. It is, after all how the species ensures its survival: what was one colony now has become two colonies.

When a swarm departs it is the reigning queen (old queen) that leaves and takes with her a good number of the hive's population, up to some 30,000 members in fact. This is no aimless departure; 'scout bees' have already selected several sites that might suit their requirements, and eventually a consensus is arrived at within the swarm and with a decision made – off they go.

Why does a swarm stop and hang in a large ball before final departure? The answer is that a queen bee is not designed for flying. She has to take frequent rests, her job within the colony is that of an egg layer and the only time she takes to the wing is to depart with a swarm, or when she was a young queen to go out and be mated (mating is done on the wing).

The hive from which the swarm departs will eventually produce a new queen. This young queen, once mated, will give out a chemical signal (pheremone) to let the colony members know that she is now able to commence her egg laying duties and thus repopulate the hive.

All in all, for the bees, the whole process has been a success. As for the beekeeper, let's hope that he/she has gained an insight into the world of the honeybee.

The downside, if there is a downside, is that the beekeeper's hopes of a honey crop may be delayed because the departing bees took with them a good portion of the colony's stores to give themselves a few days' grace while they begin the making of a new home.

Lynette goes the extra mile for children's charity

A COWBRIDGE woman has spoken about how she turned her dream into a reality after successfully completing the 2019 London Marathon last month.

Lynette Hartman.

Lynette Hartman, who works as a receptionist at Tŷ Llandaff, a private care home offering nursing, residential and respite care in Pontcanna, finished the race in a time of 6.01 hours and also smashed her fundraising target of £1,500 by 140 per cent.

The 62-year-old joined the 42,906 runners in London on April 28, raising a huge £2,119 for her chosen charity, Children with Cancer UK.

Lynette, who is relatively new to running, was inspired to run the marathon by her son, Matthew (34), who ran three years ago and decided that if she did not run this year, she might never do it.

Lynette said: "The race was really tough but I was determined to get to the end. It was hard, I felt absolutely dreadful afterwards and the next day was hard too, but I can feel my legs again now!"

As a family and child-focused person, a volunteer for children's charity Homestart and grandmother to eight-month-old Oscar, Lynette's chosen charity suited her down to the ground.

She said, "I am thrilled to have raised so much for Children with Cancer UK. It's such an important cause and I'm so grateful to everyone who sponsored me."

Melanie Geoghegan, activities co-ordinator at Tŷ Llandaff, where Lynette is one of the longest serving members of staff, said: "Lynette is such an inspiration and we are so thrilled for her that she completed this impressive feat. We were all watching the marathon on TV here and enjoyed cheering her on!"

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Out & About with The GEM

This Hustle lacks tricks in so-so comedy...

CHRIS Addison has come a long way from *Mock The Week.* **The comedian's work with Armando Iannucci in** *The Thick Of It* **has led to his involvement in Iannucci's American political satire** *Veep*, **in which Addison has directed several episodes.**

Now he makes the step up to the big screen in *The Hustle,* a loose remake of the Steve Martin and Michael Caine-starring *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* (which itself was a loose remake of 1964's *Bedtime Story* with Marlon Brando and David Niven, fact fans).

It stars Anne Hathaway and Rebel Wilson as two female con artists, the brash Lonnie (Wilson) and the cunning Josephine (Hathaway). The pair join forces in the south of France to con men who have wronged women, but what happens when the pair find themselves squeezed and under pressure from a tech billionaire (played by Alex Sharp) who latches onto their schemes..?

The Hustle certainly isn't lacking in pedigree; Rebel Wilson has proven to be a comedic tour de force in many of her films, Anne Hathaway may have erred more on the side of drama in recent years but she's perfectly adept at exercising her funny bone, while Chris Addison's work on *Veep* has shown he has the directorial chops to handle comedy.

So how come *The Hustle* ultimately winds up feeling largely flat and boring, despite the talent on show?

Well, there are a few moments that will raise a laugh, but in the main this is one of those films where it seems like the cast and crew are having a good time making it, but it fails to translate to the screen.

It's a very clunky film, one where every narrative turn feels forced and pushed into position rather than flowing naturally; if the script didn't feel so contrived at every turn, it would have been a far more smooth runner, yet as it is, while cribbing elements from both films it's based on, it doesn't have the finesse nor the assured feel that it should have.

Neither Wilson nor Hathaway disgrace themselves, but while the latter does a cut glass British accent and shows a keen comedic eye, the former's performance tends to trade too heavily on the sort of roles she's played before, and here, in large doses, there are times when you wish she would tone it down or play against type rather than hitting the familiar notes.

The pair share a sparky interplay with each other, and the rest of the cast are all fine without being stretched, from Ingrid Oliver's French policewoman and Nicholas Woodeson's silent but deadly butler to Alex Sharp's well-meaning but naive billionaire who becomes embroiled in Penny and Josephine's competition.

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Chris Addison's lack of big screen experience may shine through at times but he does at least move things along pretty swiftly and shows a good eye for a comedic set-piece. There are times where he shows his naivety, but he certainly shows enough promise based on the evidence here.

It's just a shame that things don't coalesce into something more enjoyable and humorous than what we are served. The talent on show is undeniable, the quality of the film far less so. *The Hustle* may hook you, but you'd have to be pretty unforgiving to let it con you into thinking it was anything more than a perfunctory, run-of-the-mill comedy.

VERDICT: The con is on, but unfortunately *The Hustle* isn't able to see things through. While it's welcoming to see a film of this ilk led by two female actors, it's a shame that the fun they obviously had on set doesn't translate to the film itself. Neither Rebel Wilson nor Anne Hathaway hit many bum notes, and Chris Addison's direction shows promise, but while largely inoffensive, this isn't a great film by any stretch. *Average*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* (1988), *Oceans 8* (2018).

Local Grand Prix drivers wanted!

ON Friday, July 5, there is a special charity Go Karting race taking place at Llandow racetrack – a two-hour endurance race for 10 teams, with four drivers in each team taking turns on the track.

The race is being organised by the Cowbridge fundraising group to raise money for the Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth.

It costs £40 per driver and places must be prebooked. The race will start at 4.30pm, and the minimum age of drivers is 16.

Previous racing experienced is not required, but a competitive spirit is essential!

For further details, contact Hannah Leckie at Hannah.Leckie@marie-curie.org.uk.

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These boots were made for walking… for Macmillan Cancer Support

THE Pontyclun and District Macmillan Fundraising Group have organised a Llantrisant Walk on Sunday, July 7.

Every penny of the money raised will go towards the Y Bwthyn NGS Macmillan Specialist Palliative Care Unit that will open in September in the grounds of The Royal Glamorgan Hospital.

The Llantrisant Walk leaves Llantrisant Leisure Centre at 11am or 11.15am, depending on whether walkers choose the eight-mile or four-mile option.

A 'Team Macmillan Medal' will be waiting for walkers on returning to the leisure centre and there will be an 'after walk party' with bouncy castles, refreshments and entertainment.

For online registration, go to *www.justgiving.com/fundraising/llantrisant-walk*. As your entry fee is not considered to be a donation it will not attract Gift Aid, so please do not tick this box.

There will be a Macmillan stall at the Big Picnic on The Castle Green in Llantrisant and at Pontyclun's Picnic in the Park. Both events are on Saturday, June 8, when registration forms will be available.

On the day, registration at Llantrisant Leisure Centre starts from 9.30am. Entry is £10 for over 14s; under 14s are free. You can order a t-shirt for £2.50 if you register in advance or take a chance that your size will be available if you choose to register on the day.

To find out about events or joining the group, contact Edwina on 07710 198617, Chris on 07968 018870 or Yvonne on 07878 01544.

What's on and where in your area

Ward Councillors' surgery

THE Labour Vale and Town Councillors for Gibbonsdown and Colcot will hold an advice surgery on Saturday, May 18 between 10am and 11am at Parkside Church and Centre, St Brides Way, Gibbonsdown, Barry.

No appointment necessary.

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent Councillors will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, May 18 from 9.30am until 11.30am. Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

Messy Church

MESSY Church will be held on Sunday, May 19 in the Reading Room, Bonvilston (opposite the Old Village Shop) at 2.30pm until 4pm.

A warm welcome is extended to children (and toddlers with their parents) for fun activities for all the family; lots of crafty things to make, a Bible story, some singing and plenty of refreshments.

For further information call Rev Lee Dutfield on 07784 869020, Canon Martyn Davies on 10446 760498 or Ann Roach on 01446 781309.

Exhibition continues

THE community art exhibition held at the Old Hall in Cowbridge during April has received a fantastic response and is now continuing in the restaurants and coffee shops in Cowbridge High Street.

Creative art can be found on display at The Yard, The Penny Farthing and The Elephant and Bun. Contact christine@icreateart.co.uk for any further details.

Art in Pentyrch

PENTYRCH Art Group are holding their 24th annual exhibition on Sunday, May 19 at Pentyrch village hall.

The exhibition is open from 10am until 6pm and admission is free as are refreshments; there is also ample free parking and good disabled access.

Medieval adventures to be found at Fonmon Castle this Bank Holiday

FONMON Castle will swing open its Norman castle doors to the public on Bank Holiday Monday, May 27, for its first medieval adventure.

The visiting public will have the chance to walk through a medieval tented encampment, chat to knights, examine swords and even have a go at medieval archery!

Get hands on and learn about weapons, as well as see displays of medieval crafts and dancing throughout the day. Historical Birds of Prey will be flying high over the castle, which once stood as a manorial home to the St John family, as they hunted and trained for warfare under the feudal system of the Lords of Glamorgan.

The event will hit a crescendo, as the armoured warriors put their iron-clad bodies to the test with a combat display of their skill at arms.

Entrance for the event is free, as Fonmon Castle powers into its educational, fun and historical experience with this launch of its first Medieval Encounters event.

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2019 Food & Drink Festival

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Cowbridge Food & Drink Festival

Fifteen years of Food Festival fun for Cowbridge

FOOD and drink heaven for festival goers, the bustling, vibrant atmosphere that is the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival will this year celebrate its 15th birthday, with lots of new and exciting additions planned to mark the occasion in style!

A real highlight in the Welsh foodie calendar, this year's event will for the first time play host to its own Vegan Festival – food, drink and cosmetics – all included in the festival ticket price.

It promises to be a whole weekend of foodie, family-friendly fun with over 100 exhibitors and three key sites allowing something for all.

Free children's activities – from willow weaving to pizza making and 'Ave a go' ceramics in the Old Hall - food demonstrations, TV chefs, tempting tastings, music and dancing; this is a food festival – but far more than just a food festival.

The festival runs from May 26-27 and tickets are £5 (day) and £8 (weekend). For further information and to book tickets, see www.cowbridgefoodanddrink.org

Top 15 foodie festival delights

1. Tickle the taste buds! From perfect pickles to moreish meats, curries, cheeses, chutneys and so much more – just a flavour of some of the tasty treats available to sample and buy from over 100 of the very best artisan producers that Wales and the UK has to offer.

2. Quench the thirst – scrumptious ciders, great gins and the finest real ales, whiskeys and wine to enjoy. Tempting teas and premium coffees a-plenty too!

3. Sweet treats – chocolate brownies, cupcakes, confectionery and fabulously-flavoured ice creams, fudges and flapjacks guaranteed to hit the spot.

4. Fun for all the family! Child friendly and free activities to entertain young and old – Simon Sparkles, face painting, willow weaving, birds of prey and creative cookery for youngsters with arty cooks and their giant pasta shells!

5. A very vegan affair – new for 2019, a site dedicated to all things vegan, situated in the Duke of Wellington car park and all included in the festival ticket! Tast Natur foraged and home-grown botanical syrups and scented shampoo bars from Rush Organics will be just a few of the highlights.

6. World Food in Wales – teaming up with Cardiff charity, Oasis to celebrate the cultures influencing every day food in Wales, championing regional producers, with a twist!

7. Ready, Steady, Cook! International flavours take on the challenge – who will win? Red tomato or green pepper kitchen – festival goers decide!

8. Can't Cook, Won't Cook? Two secret famous faces put their skills to the test – challenged to make a meal guided by two professional chefs.

9. Watch and learn! Live demonstrations and talks providing top tips from TV chefs, including a demonstration from the star of Britain's Best Home Cook, Katie Davies.

10. Get crafty – pick the perfect gift with personalised pottery, glassware, ceramics, jewellery and local artwork – all on display.

11. Cowbridge Food Collective – highlighting local farmers and smaller producers and bringing the local farmers market online to a whole new audience.

12. Beat the traffic – free park and ride from sites including Cowbridge Comprehensive and Penllyn Estate, with buses flowing throughout the day from one site to the next and taking visitors to the heart of the action right in the centre of town.

13. Delight in the discounts – as a festival ticket holder, benefit from an array of discounts from local Cowbridge traders including the fabulous Fablas ice-cream, independent free-house, 1 Town Hall Square and Fich & Ramous hair salon.

14. Caring for the environment – water stations providing free top ups for visitors with their own water bottles and in recyclable paper cups – no plastic, no polystyrene and responsible waste management.

15. Soak up the festival vibe – a town coming alive! A high street bustling with atmosphere as local traders join in the festival fun – a food festival, but so much more than just a food festival!

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Family friendly favourites at the Cowbridge Food & Drink Festival!

FREE crafts at the Old Hall Gardens site – from willow weaving to hand sewing, youngsters will have the chance to learn new skills under the guidance of local artists.

Face painting, courtesy of Fun Foundations - little ones will be able to morph into their favourite characters as they explore the festival in style!

And magic moments will come with Simon Sparkles and his fun blend of comedy, magic, games and balloon animals guaranteed to entertain.

'Happy Hands' will also be on site providing fun, energetic movement and music for children (and adults!) to share, along with 'Ave a go' Ceramics – pottery for all to take home – and creative cookery with Arty Cooks and their giant pasta shells.

Delicious food and drink; an alcohol-free family friendly site at the Old Hall Gardens, non-ticketed but with special offers available to those with main festival bands.

Huge crowds are expected yet again at this year's Festival.

Vegan variety at Cowbridge Food & Drink Festival 2019

A NEW and exciting addition is planned in the form of the festival's first dedicated vegan site.

Situated in the Duke of Wellington car park and free to enter for event ticket holders, visitors will be able to sample a range of products including foraged and homegrown syrups – lilac, rhubarb and sugar-free lavender - from Tast Natur and punchy flavours from Cryo Coffee.

Tast Natur artisan syrups use seasonal plants and are created in small batches, so new and exclusive products are continuously created throughout the year - flavours created in Wales and inspired by nature.

Natural 'energy cubes' - fruit and nut combinations from cashew and date, sultana, walnuts and coco nibs will all be available from Cryo Coffee, along with traditional Greek Frappe - iced coffee, served with almond milk to truly complement the flavour.

Adding a little spice will be festival favourite Samosa Co, with their vegan range of sauces and pickles; alongside Cowbridge High Street's own Pear Kitchen Café who will stock their stall with sweet potato wraps, sesame noodles and American style pancakes.

Sweet treats - cupcakes, chocolates, Welsh cakes, doughnuts and even cookie sandwiches will come from producers including The Handmade Chocolate Emporium, Naked Vegan and Calon Cakes, with Rush Organics offering a scented solution in the form of their natural and organic vegan shampoo and conditioning bars.

Hive Homeware will also be at the festival with a range of their best-selling and beautifully designed pots and plates.

Elephant & Bun's Garden Party for food festival

AS family-run businesses, the Elephant & Bun delicatessen and Elephant & Bun Kitchen, located at the heart of Cowbridge High Street, pride themselves on a warm welcome to both regular customers and first-time visitors alike.

The team behind our lovely deli and complementary coffee shop and restaurant are passionate foodies.

At the Kitchen, we offer great coffee, a fabulous brunch and delicious lunch options.

Across the road at our deli, hot off-the-griddle Welsh cakes are always a firm favourite. And look out for our special sausage rolls at our stand opposite the Food and Drink Festival main entrance.

Our focus is very much on Welsh produce, supporting local producers of beers, ciders, wine, jams, chutneys, honey, chocolate, coffee, cheeses and so much more.

The deli also provides food for weddings, christenings, family parties and other special events while the Kitchen plays host to special food and drink nights and a local Culture Club.

Why not drop in to our EBK Garden Party on Saturday, May 25, from 6pm-10.30pm with live music and great food and drink?

The perfect warm-up to the two-day Food Festival.

Keep reading The Glamorgan GEM and our website - glamorgan-gem.co.uk - for full coverage of this year's Cowbridge Food & Drink Festival.

Going digital for your tax returns? Macey Owen Accountants can help

MAKING Tax Digital became effective from April 1, 2019.

It applies to VAT registered businesses with a turnover above the VAT threshold of £85,000.

Under MTD, record keeping must be in a digital format. The software used must be functional computer software and VAT returns have to be submitted via MTD compatible software.

For those worried about the changes that may have to be made to their book-keeping system, we can help.

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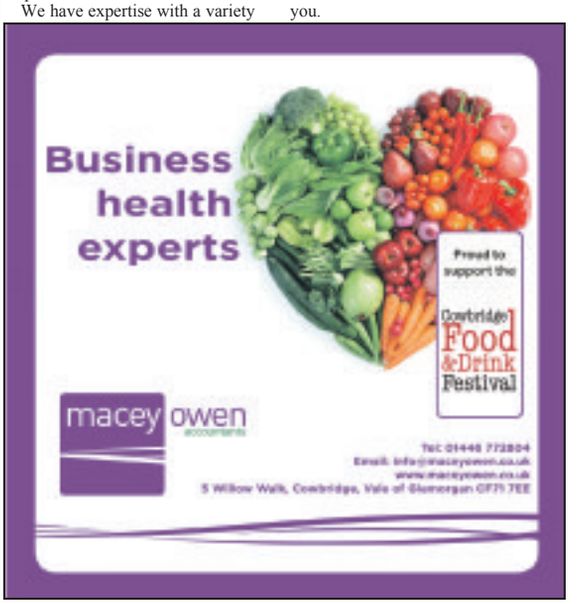

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Two walks among the bluebells for the Penarth & District Ramblers

PENARTH and District Ramblers recently celebrated a bluebell-filled weekend with two walks, the first from Rachel when she was joined at Rhiwderin by a group of seven walkers.

Setting off by road through the village, they were soon surrounded by a variety of spring flowers. Joining the Sirhowy Valley Walk across Fox Hill and into Coed Mawr, where tree felling is abundant, a steep climb from Lower Ochrwyth to Upper Ochrwyth brought them to a problem area with broken stiles and blocked paths.

Undeterred, they travelled past Castle Farm, home to retired donkeys. A leaf-strewn track brought them uphill to a disused quarry for morning break before moving on past cleared land carpeted with native bluebells.

Following the Raven Walk with wonderful views to Twmbarlwm, Abercarn and the Ebbw Valley, a long steep climb in a cold stiff breeze led them to the summit of Mynydd Margam, with stunning views to the central Beacons, Penarth Head, Flat and Steep Holm and the Somerset coastline.

Joining the Rhymney Valley Ridgeway Walk with orange tipped butterflies for company, they diverted to the remains of Castell Meredydd, which overlooks the Rhymney Valley, before fields led them to Graig Wyllt, up steep wooden steps where a bluebell-coated woodland set on the steep hillside brought them back into fields for the trek back to Rhiwderin.

The following day, a group of 13 walkers joined Joy at the historic town of Monmouth and they set off along the sun-filled banks of the River Wye, complete with rowers from nearby Monmouth Rowing Club crossing bridges to reach Dixton.

Inside the white painted church dedicated to St Peter are brass plates, marking the heights of memorable floods, because it is close to the river.

Dashing across the busy A40, a climb by road brought them to Newton Court, once home to the Griffin family, followed by a climb on a sunken lane at Hayes Coppice for morning break surrounded by sweet smelling bluebells in Joint Wood.

A narrow path through the growing crops led them downhill to St Mary the Virgin Church at Welsh Newton for lunch, with only birdsong breaking the peace. After viewing its impressive stained glass windows and stunning carved stone rood screen, they walked across cropped fields and a quiet lane to Buckholt Woods, before descending through fields with a last look at the impressive Black Mountains.

On May 18, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 8.5-mile moderate walk at Rhossili (no dogs, please); contact Clive on 029 2065 4156.

On May 21, meet at 9.30am at Cogan for a 7.5-mile easy/moderate walk in the Bonvilston area; contact Alison on 07717 820 012.

On May 22, as part of the Vale Walking Festival, meet at Monknash Beach car park by New Mill Farm at 10am for a 12-mile moderate walk along the Heritage Coast and in the rural Vale; contact William on 07528 701 952.

Also on May 22, as part of the Vale Walking Festival, meet at 10am at Dinas Powys Village Square for a 4-mile moderate woodland walk taking in Dinas Hillfort; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

On May 23, as part of the Vale Walking Festival, meet at 10am at Penarth Clifftop car park for a 5-mile easy/moderate walk taking in Lavernock's World War Two battery; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

On May 23, meet at 6.30pm at Wenvoe Church for a four-mile easy/moderate evening walk taking in St Lythans and the Downs; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the days and dates specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do

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Schedule

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From 21st May 2019 to 24th May 2019	The area to be closed is George Street Barry from its junction with Holton Road in a southerly direction to the bollards.	From 4.00pm on 21st May 2019, until 4.00pm on 24th May 2019

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Bingo caller wanted!

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Gardening club

THE next meeting of the Cowbridge Gardening Club will be on Thursday, May 30, at 7pm in the Lesser Hall. The speaker will be Ali Leach on 'No dig gardening'. New members and visitors welcome.

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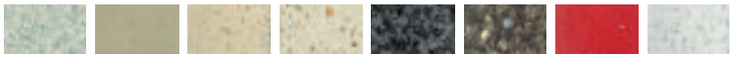

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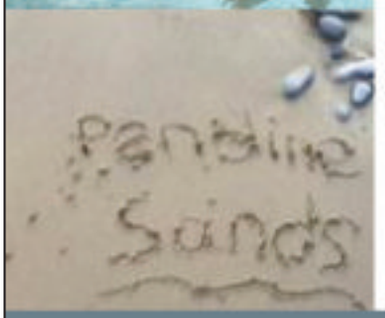

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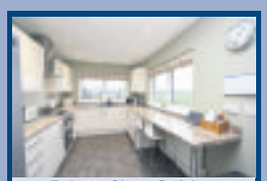

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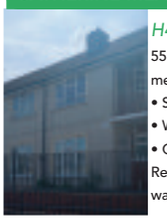

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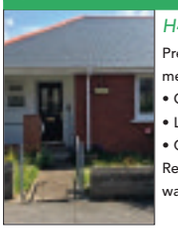

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Hafod Housing Association is committed to providing a safe and sustainable environment and will be asking for references and carrying out interviews with prospective tenants to achieve the full potential for this new development.

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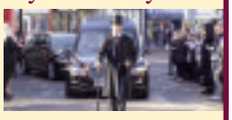

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Family Notices

COLSTON
Pamela Rose

Sadly passed away at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff on 2nd May 2019. Loving wife to Dennis, devoted mother to Nigel and Byron and an adored grandmother,

Pamela will be greatly missed by all family and friends.

The funeral service is to take place at The Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 9PX at 4pm on Friday, 24th May. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu for Ty Hafan.

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LANGFORD
Phyllis May

(Formerly of Brook Street, Barry)

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She will live on forever in the hearts of her family and friends.

Phyllis is resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until her funeral service on Tuesday, 21st May at 1.30pm at A.G. Adams Chapel, followed by committal at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium at 3pm.

Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, in memory of Phyllis, may be made to Cancer Research and Springbank Nursing Home.

BAGGOTT
David Joshua

David passed away on 1st May at the University Hospital of Wales with his wife and sons at his bedside. It was peaceful and understated just like him. A devoted husband of Margaret, loving dad to Stephen and Michael. Treasured by his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

David will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until his funeral service on Monday, 20th May at 1.30pm at St David's Methodist Church, Barry followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium at 3pm.

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WILLIAMS
Colin

Passed away peacefully on the 3rd May 2019 at Llandough Hospital with Carole by his side, on their 41st wedding anniversary. Adored soul mate of Carole. Colin will be missed so much by Hazel, his sister in New Zealand and her family. Also by his loving sister-in-law Diane, and all family and friends in North Wales, South Wales and London.

He will live on forever in our hearts.

Colin is resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until his funeral service on Wednesday, 22nd May at 2pm at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium.

Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, in memory of Colin, may be made to Cancer Research Wales.

REGAN
Anthony Ivor (Tony)

Suddenly but peacefully on 5th May, at home. Much loved husband of Merle. Loving dad of David and Sian. Brother to Albert. Grandfather to Jessica, Danielle, Ryan and James. Great grandfather of Aria, Hunter and Lily.

Anthony will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors, 7 Tynewydd Road Barry, CF62 8HB. The service will be held at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road Barry on 23rd May at 3pm.

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TURNER
David John

Keri and family wish to announce the sad passing of Dave on 3rd May. A devoted husband and much loved dad of Aradella and David, step dad to Rhys. A cherished son of Pat and Ken, loving brother of Chris and Steve.

Dave will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until a celebration of Dave's life at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Friday, 24th May at 2pm .

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PORTER
Les

Les, of Oxford Street, Barry, passed away peacefully on 7th May. Beloved husband of the late Brenda. Devoted dad of Nicola and Alicia and stepfather to Sonia. Adored grandad of Kai, Ethan and Beatrix. Father-in-law to Shane and Steve.

Funeral service at 11am on Friday, 24th May at All Saints Church, Barry, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.

Family flowers only please. Donations to Sports Aid Wales, a charity dedicated to helping talented young athletes reach their dreams via A G Adams would be gratefully received.

SLEEMAN
Geoffrey Paul

Peacefully on 10th May 2019, Geoff aged 79 years, former Engineer at RAF St Athan, also a former football referee. Beloved husband, father and Dodo to his grandchildren.

Geoff will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Thursday, 23rd May at 5pm.

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FRENCH
Margaret (*née* Rees)

Suddenly at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, aged 76 years.

Margaret a loving mother and nan will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting at Robert D Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry. A service to celebrate Margaret's life will be held on Friday, 24th May at 11am at the Cardiff & Vale Crematorium Port Road, Barry.

Flowers may be sent to the funeral directors.

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BURROWS
Gwendoline

Gwen passed away suddenly at home. Much loved mother of Julie, Sarah and Andrew, granny to Alex and Lewis.

Gwen will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral Thursday, 23rd May, service 2pm at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major, followed by cremation 3.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice c/o the funeral director.

DYKE
Rose

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on 7th May. Rose a loving wife to the late Charlie and a devoted mother, mother-in-law, nan and great nan.

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TEW
David Hywel

Peacefully on the 8th May, David passed away at the Princess of Wales hospital, aged 72 years. Devoted husband to Cheryl, loving father to Christopher, cherished son-in-law of Gladys, much loved brother to Gareth, brother-in-law to Alun, Barrie; and sister-in-laws Claire and Myra.

He will be sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at St Illtud's Church on Tuesday, 28th May at 10.30am, afterwards to Coychurch Crematorium at 12 noon.

Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research Wales, Velindre Hospital, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF14 2TL.

PRIDAY
Mair

Peacefully on 12th May at her home, Glyn-y-Mel, Pencoed, surrounded by her family, Mair. Much loved wife of the late Dave, loving mother of Tania, Helen and Anthony, loving mother-in-law of Andrew and Iain, loving Nanos of Hannah, Elinor, Emma and Joe.

Mair will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral Thursday, 23rd May. Service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 11am.

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Thomas Mark

We would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of support and donations following the sad loss of 'our Tom'. Particularly the team at Llandougth Hospital for their care and dedication at such a difficult time. To Robert Johnson for giving Tom a most dignified farewell, the Reverend John James for the service and Helen at Beautiful Lily Florist.

Also, the dedicate carers who looked after both Tom and Kerry throughout their lives and to the many people who attended the chapel, especially those who travelled many miles to say their goodbyes. It was really very humbling.

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ON a day where the sun beamed down at our humble dwellings in Corntown, Vale Cricket Club Firsts entertained recently relegated Barry Athletic in their South East Wales Cricket League Division Three encounter.

After winning the toss, Brendan McCay elected to bowl, showing full confidence in his bowlers' ability to claim another 10 wickets as they did last week against Monkswood in the season's opener.

Opening bowlers Darren Upham and Joe Hodges went about attacking Barry's opening partnership. It was Jimbo Thomas who broke the deadlock early on as he combined with keeper and vice-captain Harry Withers to run out H Smith, who failed to trouble the scorers.

N Baker (9) and L Morgan (25) set about trying to build Barry's innings but the ever-present Darren Upham (1-24) took Baker's wicket, bringing Barry's newly-acquired all-rounder L Smith to the crease with the score at 16-2.

He punished any stray bowling and even hit good deliveries for runs but was bogged down a lot of the time by good, straight bowling.

However, Smith and Morgan's stubbornness left the likes of Joe Hodges and Alex Upham wicketless, which is not an easy task by any means. The dynamic duo are accustomed to their respective pace and leg spin bowling damaging sides to devastating effect but today was not to be a wicket-taking day for the pair.

With two of their front line bowlers failing to take a single wicket, it was the introduction of Dean Oram that saw Smith (51) caught at mid-off by James Snelson and from there Vale set about punishing their visitors.

L Morgan continued to play patiently but scoring at a slow rate as he went about anchoring the Barry innings.

Before his own dismissal he had to watch his captain A Baker (12) become Oram's second wicket as he was caught at mid-wicket by Sean Rowland and then he was bowled by the Vale all-rounder, leaving Oram with figures of 3-25.

With the score at 111-5 Barry succumbed to an unfortunate collapse, ending 143 all out. The final five wickets were taken by leg spinner Jimbo Thomas and seamer Sean Rowland. The small but mighty leg spin of Jimbo (3-9) claimed three of the final five wickets that included catches taken by Joe Hodges and Darren Upham, as well as a sharp stumping from wicket-keeper Harry Withers.

Sean Rowland joined the wicket-taking, with thanks to Steve Hiles whose well-taken catch at extra cover removed W Baker (13), the last Barry batsman to score any runs. Rowland then made a mess of the stumps as he clean bowled the final wicket of the innings, leaving him with impressive figures of 2-2.

After tea, Vale set about chasing a target of 144 to win from their allotted 45 overs. Barry opening bowler Gee (1-19), took the first wicket and was the pick of the Barry attack, catching JP Davies off his own bowling before Davies could get off the mark.

Oram (33) and Alex Upham (37) shared a partnership of 65 before Oram was bowled by L Smith as he went back to defend one instead of stepping forward. Smith (3-46,) the most expensive of the Barry bowlers removed Snelson lbw and then bowled Vale opener Upham. As Upham departed the scoreboard displayed 97-4.

The loss of batsman Steve Hiles added pressure to Vale but in his second game as captain, Brendan McCay (19no) and Joe Hodges (31no) took Vale home as they played the fiery pace of Smith with patience and precision with a plethora of well-timed aggressive boundary hitting shots, carefully-placed guides and solid defence.

Vale ended up with 144-5, ensuring that victory was sealed and they remain firmly at the top of the table as they travel to Tondu this week.

In preparation they train again on Thursday night and welcome any prospective new members to join them.

On a glorious day to be beside the seaside, Vale seconds captain Matthew Thomas won the toss and elected to bat against Barry Athletic Seconds.

Confident of his side's ability to score the runs needed, not only to secure maximum batting points but also to make the game difficult for Barry to chase, Thomas (64) led the innings remarkably well.

Captain Thomas and Matthew Gilbert (59) stroked the ball to the boundary with relative ease in an opening partnership that amassed 126 before the Vale captain was bowled.

Gilbert was to be the next victim as he departed the crease with the total at 160-2. Both Gilbert and Thomas will be pleased to add their run tally, with both players hitting half centuries and setting the platform for their teammates to kick on from.

Clewley (19), vice-captain Francis (11) and Paul Sheppard (12no) all added a few extra runs to the total, taking Vale to 233-7 at the close of the innings.

After tea, Vale looked to back up their fine batting display with equally excellent bowling and fielding. Having resisted the lure of beach front candy floss, the Vale opening pair of McCutcheon (1-45) and Andrews (0-21) made life difficult for the bowlers early on as the opening pair of Chaturvedi (22) and Gunesekera (35) set about the chase.

The introduction of Matthew Williams (3-27) proved to be valuable as he removed both of Barry's opening batsmen with McCutcheon taking Barry's number three, Perera (28). With the exception of Usswald (36) no other Barry batsmen stayed around long enough to make a significant impact.

Last season's second team bowler of the year Tom Lazarus (1-24) and left arm spinner Tom Taylor (2-22) took five middle to lower order wickets between them with Matthew Gilbert rounding off a fine game for himself taking 3-23 from almost 3 overs.

Vale Seconds are now top of their table by a single point as they carry on with their winning run from last season.

This week they entertain Ton Pentre first XI at their home ground in Corntown, hoping to make it three wins in three games.

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Application No:/Rhif y cais:	2019/00319/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig:	Internal alterations to include reinstatement of spiral staircase; creation of a new doorway to lean-to kitchen; installation of a log burner; replace rotten casement windows in lean-to kitchen; alterations to partition walls and construction of a porch/store. External repairs and alteration to existing retaining wall
Location:/Lleoliad:	West Aberthaw Farm, West Aberthaw
Listed Building:/Adeilad Rhestredig	Grade II
Application No:/Rhif y cais:	2019/00421/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig:	Reinstatement of roof, alternative stair design and associated refurbishment and reinstatement works following fire damage
Location:/Lleoliad:	Tathan Hall, 6, Rectory Drive, St. Athan
Listed Building:/Adeilad Rhestredig	Grade II
Application No:/Rhif y cais:	2019/00472/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig:	Internal alterations and alterations to windows
Location:/Lleoliad:	Penllyn Castle, Lane - Graig Penllyn To Penllyn Via Vistla Farm, Penllyn
Listed Building:/Adeilad Rhestredig	Grade II
Application No:/Rhif y cais:	2019/00478/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig:	Re roofing of stables block
Location:/Lleoliad:	Penllyn Castle Lane - Graig Penllyn to Penllyn via Farm, Penllyn, Cowbridge
Listed Building:/Adeilad Rhestredig	Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest / Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No:/Rhif y cais:	2019/00435/RG3
Proposal:/Cynnig:	Construction of a replacement secondary school building with associated playing fields and parking at the site of the existing Whitmore High School and the demolition of the existing secondary school building upon completion
Location:/Lleoliad:	Whitmore High School, Port Road West, Barry

Application(s) with Environmental Statement / Cais (au) gyda Datganiad Amgylcheddol

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Crowds turn out for point-to-point meeting

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WELSH champion point-to-point rider Bradley Gibbs gave himself a birthday present by riding three winners at the Ystrad Taf Fechan Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Bonvilston where just 27 horses faced the starter during the afternoon.

Bradley, who celebrated his 25th birthday 24 hours later, won the opening club Members' Conditions Race on *Highway Jewel*, the restricted on *Rio Bravo* and the John Lovell National Men's Open on *Yeats Ace* and all three were long odds-on favourites.

The five-year-old mare *Highway Jewel* finished alone after sole rival *Union Jack D'Ycy* had unshipped Scot Malson at the sixth fence on the first circuit.

Rio Bravo, an eight-year-old bay gelding owned by Bradley's fiance Claire Sherriff, made all to win by a distance from *BlueBell Sally* and *Yeats Ace*, a seven-year-old bay mare by *Yeats*, owned by Carol and Clive Banwell, won in similiar style by a distance from the Byron Moorcroft-partnered *Beneficial Joe*, who was awarded the Best Turned Out award.

However, the day's riding honours went to Matthew Barber, 27, who, riding *Isla Di Milano* in the Open Maiden Race, worked wonders to get his mount home by a neck from the Morgan Winstone-partnered *Full Of Roque*.

Isla Di Milano, which gave Matthew his 50th winner between-the-flags, apart from almost slipping up and making a number of jumping errors, came from last to first to give his trainer, former National Hunt jockey Bridgend's Rhys Flint, his first win as a trainer with just his second runner.

Flint was full of praise for his rider saying: "That must be the ride of Matthew's career."

In a match for the Ladies' Open Race, Kevin Salter's 11-year-old bay gelding *Spencer Moon*, under Jodie Hughes, chalked-up win number 12 when making all the running to beat *Golden Crisp* partnered by Rilly Goshen: "This horse is awesome'," said Jodie, who was partnering the son of *Dr Massini* for the first time.

Both pony races were won by Edward Vaughan, 11-year-old son of Tim Vaughan, who trains at nearby Aberthin.

Edward won the first race on *Little Replacement* which came home ahead of *Stretcholt Hermes* (Jack Osborne) and *Pennway Angharad* (Evan Hughes), and in the second race riding the best turned out *White Water*, Edmund came home ahead of *Heavenly Rose* (Henry Pugh) and *Don't Tell Dai* (Talor Hopkins).

Brian Lee

Cowbridge RFC youth lift the Blues Cup!

LAST Saturday on Cardiff Arms Park, Cowbridge RFC youth finished off their very successful season with a brilliant win over St Peter's youth in the Blues Youth Cup final.

This win means Cowbridge youth have now won this cup for the past four years.

With a large number of the squad only returning from Japan on Wednesday, where they represented Wales playing for CAVC, there was no time for preparation for the final.

In Fukuoka, Japan, the Sanix World Rugby Youth Invitational Tournament is held every year, teams participate by invitation only, and are chosen because of their high standard.

Despite the unusual preparation it was Cowbridge who started the stronger, pinning St Peter's inside their own 22 for the first 10 minutes. St Peter's were being constantly penalised as they struggled to cope with Cowbridge's intensity.

Following a scrum 20 metres short of the St Peter's line, Ed Thomas made a searing break through the St Peter's midfield.

The covering St Peters' wing brought Ed down with a high tackle, resulting in another Cowbridge penalty and a yellow card for the St Peter's winger.

Cowbridge were feeling confident and opted for the scrum. From that scrum, Ioan Williams, the Cowbridge scrum half made a break down the blindside. With his back row at his side to enable quick ball, Benji Williams powered himself over the line from five metres out. Rhydian Williams converted.

Cowbridge struggled to clear their lines from the resulting kick off and gave away a silly penalty by talking back to the referee. St Peter's took the easy three points on offer.

This penalty gave St Peter's confidence, and they forced Cowbridge into a defensive effort for the next 10 minutes. St Peter's bigger pack picked up the ball five metres from the Cowbridge line and battered the Cowbridge defence.

The boys dug deep and produced a heroic defensive effort as they have done all season. Jack Forsyth and Max Lucas held up the St Peter's number 8 while he was over the line, but the referee judged the boys to have been offside. Once again St Peter's took the three points.

Cowbridge responded well and forced St Peter's back inside their own 22. St Peter's managed to clear their lines, but failed to find touch with their kick and it was collected by Ed Thomas who gathered the bouncing ball at pace and broke through the first line of defence.

Gathering pace, he side stepped the covering defence and with the line in sight he was brought down just short. Williams gathered the ball at the breakdown and passed to Ben Jones, the Cowbridge openside flanker who noticed the covering defence was totally focussed on the speedster Jake Thomas on his left hand side. He saw his chance and with a burst of pace scored Cowbridge's second try of the game without a hand being laid on him. Rhydian Williams converted.

The half time score was Cowbridge youth 14, St Peter's youth 6.

Once again straight from the half time kick off, Cowbridge failed to clear the ball and gave away another silly penalty, St Peter's took the three points on offer again.

Cowbridge began to play some controlled rugby, going through the phases before releasing their speedy backs.

The forwards were now in control of the much bigger St Peter's pack. Barny Langton-Cryer, the Cowbridge captain and Elis Reed, the Number 8, played leaders' roles. Both carried the ball many times during the game, making the hard yards needed for the backs to run their moves.

Following an unusual Cowbridge rolling maul, Jared Williams, the impressive Cowbridge prop, was held up over the line. From the resulting five metre scrum, Williams got his backs moving.

Evan Thomas at outside half, dummied Jake Thomas and made a deft pass to put Jack Dixon, who had come in from his left wing to score under the posts. Rhydian Williams converted.

With the game entering its final stages, St Peter's began to throw everything at the Cowbridge pack but once again the boys held their line.

The coaches made some changes allowing the bench to make a difference. All seven replacements made an impact, with Scott Jones performing a heroic tackle on his much larger opposite number.

From a line out just inside the Cowbridge 22, Iestyn Galton stole the St Peter's throw-in. Evan Thomas executed a clever chip kick over the onrushing St Peter's defence.

Dan Stancombe, the Cowbridge inside centre, gathered the bouncing ball and made it to the St Peter's 22.

With quick ball, Williams put Jake Thomas clear to score his well deserved try and Cowbridge's fourth of the game. Rhydian Williams completed a perfect kicking day with his fourth conversion out of four. These eight extra points make an enormous difference in tight final games.

With minutes left on the clock, Cowbridge suffered their usual yellow card, and were down to 14 as St Peter's finally crossed the Cowbridge line.

The final score was Cowbridge youth 28, St Peter's youth 14.

Finishing in our highest position of third in the Blues Premiership and defending the Blues Cup ends another successful season for the youth.

With so many players available next year and the under-16s joining we look forward to next season.

Pictured above, from left to right, are: back row, Rich Harris (coach), Rhydian Williams, Dylan Cottle, Ioan Copper, Jack Forsyth, Iestyn Galton, Benji Williams, Will Tuckwell, Ed Thomas, Max Lucas, Evan Thomas, Scott Jones, Jared Williams, Elis Reed, Dan Stancombe, Mark Lewis (coach). Front row: Ioan Williams, Jake Thomas, Will O'Connor, Jamie Howells, Barny Langton-Cryer, Ben Jones, Jack Dixon, Morgan Veness.

GJ

Tennis club opens its courts to local community

AS part of the May Day bank holiday celebrations, Cowbridge Tennis Club had its four courts bustling with activity, showing the benefits of tennis for fitness and fun. The open day supported the Cowbridge and Llantwit Major Lions fair.

Throughout the day, the tennis coaches ran junior activities as well as cardio tennis where more than 40 adults and young people got involved.

Towards the end of the day, the club presented its longest-standing coach, Allan Duggan, with a lifetime membership due to his commitment and dedication to the club.

The club's chair, Richard Owen said: "Allan is the heart and soul of the club. He had a successful national and British tennis career, bringing this knowledge and passion to the club through his coaching for so many years.

"We were delighted to welcome the community to the club over the bank holiday weekend, it was fantastic to see so many people come and join us to get involved. Hopefully we will see more people join us for junior club or adult coaching too, as it's great to see new faces."

The tennis club also offers pay to play options for the community, so there's no need for membership. For more information, visit clubspark.lta/cowbridgetennisclub

FC

Competition ramps up at Atlantic Championships

THE eyes of the bowling world continue to focus on the Vale this week as some of the best bowlers in the world visit Barry to compete in the 2019 Atlantic Championships.

Featuring over 200 players from 26 countries, play will continue daily at Barry Island until Wednesday, May 22.

Barry Athletic is co-hosting the 12-day event with a full 10 days of play at Barry Island. The matches begin as early as 8.15am on many days, with evening matches starting at 6pm.

On Saturday, May 11, both Wales men and women competed in the Barry Island sunshine.

The Welsh men triples were disappointed to lose on the last end to a talented Jersey team, but recovered after lunch to convincingly defeat Botswana. Sara Marie Nicholls of Llandeilo is representing Wales in the singles competition and she was looking in good form, hoping to qualify automatically for the next round.

The sunshine continued and the colour of modern bowls was brought to the full by the South American visitors when Argentina, after defeating the much fancied English team, did a lap of honour with their national flag, to great applause from the spectators.

Not to be outdone by their near neighbours, Brazil have caught many eyes with their striking match shirts and shorts. Zimbabwe also came dressed for the occasion, ready for all weathers.

Play continues at Barry Island and national interest will peak on Friday, May 17, with Wales competing in all five sessions in the men's singles and ladies triples.

Commonwealth gold medallist and local boy Dan Salmon will feature for Wales in the singles. Sunday is a full day with Wales men's rink and ladies pairs both playing.

The highlight on Saturday will be the appearance of the Tartan Army big hitters of World and Commonwealth champion bowlers Alex Marshall, Paul Foster, Derek Oliver and Ronnie Duncan representing Scotland in the fours competition.

Play starts at 8.30am (v Jamaica), and 2pm (v Brazil). Ireland, England and South Africa also compete at Barry Island that day.

Daily play continues at Barry, culminating with the semi-finals of the men's fours and ladies pairs on Wednesday, May 22 (2.30pm start).

Barry Athletic Bowls Club has hosted many international matches in its 108 year history, but possibly never anything on this scale, and members of the public are encouraged to come along and see this unique spectacle at close hand.

Full playing schedule and more information can be found on the Welsh Bowls website welshbowls.co.uk.

TM

AFC Rhoose hold presentation evening

AFC Rhoose concluded the 2018-19 football season with their senior presentation day/evening on Saturday, May 11.

The second team, who finished as Vale of Glamorgan Division 2 champions, gave players' player of the year and manager's player of the year to centre back Morgan Vaughan.

The first team, who secured the ASRS Cup and finished runners-up in the Vale of Glamorgan Premier Division, gave player's player of the year and manager's player of the year to Luke Llewellyn-Davis. The Gerald Bryan clubman of the year went to Tom Bevan.

Our thanks go to all those who support the club, with special thanks to Vale Scaffolding, and also to the hard-working committee members who put in a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes.

We look forward to building on this season's success and will look to return to training on Tuesday, July 2 at Rhoose Rec - all existing and new players are welcome.

For more details about pre-season training or getting involved with the club please contact us at AFCrhoose@outlook.com.

Pictured above are Morgan Vaughan and Luke Llewellyn-Davis.

DG

Busy weekend for tennis teams

BARRY Community Tennis Club had a busy weekend, with teams travelling across south Wales to fulfil fixtures in the South Wales leagues.

The ladies team (Alison Williams, Penny Mickelsen, Claire Mott and Sally Preston) hosted Bridgend Tennis club at Romilly Park on Sunday afternoon, and after securing a comprehensive win of all four rubbers, the visitors enjoyed a picnic with the home team in glorious spring sunshine amid the beautiful park surroundings.

The 12u girls (Grace Mickelsen, 11, Barry Island Primary School, and Poppy Williams, 12, St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School) travelled to Allt-Yr-Yn tennis club in Newport and retained their 100 per cent record by winning the fixture 3-0, while the 9u team (Lacie Robinson-Goddard, 8, Palmerston Primary School, Julia Papierowska, 9, Kirsten Jones, 9, and Marta Szymanowicz 9, all St Helen's Catholic Primary School) travelled to Bridgend tennis club for their first fixture of the season and narrowly lost overall by four rubbers to six.

The summer season is now well underway and teams are in action most weekends at home or away.

If you would like to find out more about the club, there is an open day on Sunday, May 19 from 12.30pm in Romilly Park, where there will be something for all ages and abilities to try on court, as well as lots of existing members to chat with about their involvement with the club.

PM

On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

OGMORE-BY-SEA'S Christian Williams has been on a winning streak of late and at Fakenham on Tuesday, his *Butlergrove King* landed the Snellings Handicap Chase under Adam Wedge.

A 4-1 chance, the top-weighted 10-year-old won by a length from *Kingston Mimosa.* Earlier, Connor Brace from Porthcawl won the Jarrold Ladies Day Conditional Jockeys' Selling Hurdle on the Richard Spencer-trained *Movie Set.*

There was more Welsh success when Daniel Bourne's 11-year-old *ASockAStar* landed the Turner Trophy Hunters' Chase under Shane Quinlan.

ISABEL'S GELLIGAER WINNER

Llancarfan's Isabel Williams, who is making a bold bid to retain her Welsh Lady Riders Championship title, chalked-up her fifth winner of the season at the Gelligaer Farmers Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at picturesque Lower Machen on Saturday, and in doing so beat her chief rival Pembrokeshire's Jodie Hughes.

In an exciting finish to the young horse maiden race, in which four of the nine runners were all in with a chance two fences from the winning post, Isabel, 21, riding the four-year-old ex-Irish horse *Flash Klass*, got her mount home by a length from the Jodie Hughes-partnered *MoreHurryLessHaste.*

Flash Klass is owned by Bridgend builder Roger Willcox and William Corrigan the heavy fabrication specialist, and Mr Willcox, who admitted to having backed his horse, said: "We bought him from Ogmore By-Sea trainer Christian Williams and he's a lovely horse to train.

"However, I had a job getting him here this as he didn't want to go in the horse box."

Ben Jones, who has been in cracking form this season, won the mixed open on the Karen Hobbs-trained *Princely Player* and the restricted aboard the Amber Mathias-trained *Ardview Boy.*

Princely Player, at 12 the oldest of the five runners and in a handy position throughout, won by three lengths from *King's Cross* and was recording his third win on the bounce.

"He sulked and made hard work of it," said Ben, who had an easier ride on *Ardview Boy,* who always in command and came home 12 lengths ahead of the Bradley Gibbs-partnered *Five Gold Bars.*

Three of the four entries for the members' race faced the starter and the blinkered *Holy Way* was made the odds-on favourite. However, James King had the 11-year-old *Ruperra Tom* in a handy position throughout and went on to win by one-and-a-half lengths.

Ruperra Tom, owned by John Rees and Tim Jones, is trained by Pembrokeshire's Michael Bowen.

Merthyr Mawr's Jack Tudor landed the three-horse confined race on *Desert Row* after the odds-on favourite *The Girl From Milan*, who had tried to make every post a winning one, was pulled-up after jumping the 11th fence.

Matthew Barber, riding the well-backed *Where Now*, ran out a three lengths winner of the aged maiden race finishing ahead of *Buck's Best*. He said: "We bought the horse from Christian Williams seven weeks ago. He's a lovely horse and ran green today but has had some niggly problems but I told all the lads to back him."

VALE TRAINERS' WEEKEND WINNERS

Merthyr Mawr's Jack Tudor just can't stop riding winners.

The 17 year-old whiz-kid, who has the national novice riders' title in his grasp, had a double at Sunday's Melton Hunt Club Point-To-Point at Garthorpe.

Jack took the club members' race on Philip Thomas's eight-year-old bay gelding *Blazing Tom* and the novice riders' race on Steve Young's 11-year-old bay gelding *NorthGeorge*.

Both winners are trained by Jack's father Jonathan, who has also had a cracking season.

Last Saturday, Vale trainer Evan Williams, who had won last year's Haydock Swinton Handicap Hurdle with *Silver Streak,* had to settle for third place this time as his *John Constable*, partnered by stable jockey Adam Wedge, was beaten by two 20-1 shots, *Le Patriote* and *Project Bluebook*, in a 17-runner field.

However, Evan was back in the winner's enclosure on Sunday after his seven-year-old *Marble Moon* landed the novices' handicap chase at Ludlow.

The bottom weighted *Marble Moon,* a 6-1 chance, won by six lengths from the well-fancied *Heydour*.

At Hexham on Saturday, Aberthin's Tim Vaughan landed the maiden hurdle with *Eva's Oskar* who scored by four-and-a-half lengths from *Flemens Story,* and Welsh jockey Connor Brace at Plumpton on Sunday won the handicap hurdle on 9-2 chance *Alanjou*.

DAVID'S DEVON WINNER

David Prichard, 27, who is assistant trainer to south Molton trainer Kayley Woolacott, landed the mixed open race on 14-1 outsider *Earthly Reason* at the Four Burrow Hunt Point-to-Point Steeplechases at Trebudannon last Sunday.

David, who hails from the Vale, has also ridden a winner on the Flat and at Arabian horse racing and like his sister Charly, who is living in France where she has ridden a number of winners,is a former successful pony racing competitor.

REBECCA'S LUDLOW WINNER

Pembrokeshire's Rebecca Curtis won the Open National Hunt Flat race at Ludlow last Sunday with her five-year-old *Cubao* who like the other seven runners in the race were racing in public for the first time.

Cubao must have been showing good speed on the gallops at home as it was made the 6-4 favourite.

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club results

THE latest results from the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for May 13 are as follows:

First, Dave and Debbie Lea, 64.58 per cent; second, John Raymond and Alan Lewis, 62.66 per cent; third, John Beard and Stella Miller, 60.06 per cent.

LE

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Vale football finals conclude at Jenner Park

THERE was nother weekend of football finals in the Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League after an Easter break.

Just prior to the Easter break Island Marine FC Year 9 side won the Year 9 League with a 6-0 win over Cadoxton Barry FC on the Saturday prior to Easter.

On the Easter weekend, the final senior league trophy was settled with AFC Rhoose beating Vale Madrid FC 6-1 to be crowned Division 2 champions.

On to the final on April 28, where an overcast day saw recently-crowned league champions Island Marine FC taking on Cowbridge Town Reds for the Harry Gratton Cup in the Year 9 League.

An opening six minutes of entertaining football saw Cowbridge Town Reds take a two-goal lead but Island Marine FC pulled one back.

The game was back and forth with Cowbridge Town Reds restoring their two-goal lead on the half-hour mark. Island Marine kept fighting though and just before the half-time whistle, they reduced the deficit to one goal leaving the game poised.

The action in the second half continued to be an open and entertaining game with seemingly no more goals. But with 10 minutes remaining, a free kick to Island Marine FC resulted in a penalty after a handball in the box by the defensive wall.

The penalty was converted, which meant the score was tied at 3-3 giving the potential of extra-time. However with just three minutes left, Island Marine attacked once again and netted their fourth, taking the lead for the first time in the game. This was enough to make them league and cup double winners for 2018/19.

The afternoon saw brightening skies to welcome Penarth Town FC and Cowbridge Town FC for the Barry Cup.

A very tight game saw Penarth set out an attacking line while Cowbridge looked to counter them at every opportunity. Similar to the morning's game, the match was very tight but resulted in no goals in the first half.

The action continued in the second half with Penarth pushing and pushing and Cowbridge looking to defend and counter. As luck would have it, one such counter saw a Penarth error resulting in Cowbridge breaking and with only a one-on-one with the keeper to overcome, a deft chip gave Cowbridge the lead.

Penarth were not bowed and kept on looking for the equaliser but it never came.

As is traditional, in the Barry Cup a player is selected to received the Brian Riseborough Memorial Golden Boot for being man of the match: this year's recipient for his defensive display was Cowbridge Town FC's Ryan O'Halloran.

The Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League took centre stage for the South Wales Football Association Intermediate Cup Final between Holton Road FC and Tynewydd DC at the Kymco Stadium on May 4.

In a tight game, Holton Road became treble winners with a 2-0 win to lift the SWFA Intermediate Cup to go with the league and cup double.

May 5 closed the cup final period of the league beginning with the Year 7 final between Sully Sports Black and Cowbridge Town Reds.

Sully Sports Blacks took the lead with two early goals and maintained their lead to half time. Another quick succession of goals put Sully Sports Black firmly in the driving seat.

Towards the end Sully Sports Blacks were awarded a penalty which was gave them their fifth of the game. Cowbridge valiantly kept in the game and were kept from scoring by the goal keeper plus a defender with a goal line clearance.

In one of the last attacks of the game, Cowbridge Town Reds were awarded a penalty which was scored giving them their consolation goal, the final score 5-1.

Shortly after was the the Year 8 final which took place between Penarth Town Raiders and Cogan Coronation AFC.

Despite being goalless at half-time the game was shaping up to be a classic with the keepers heavily involved in the game to deny each side their goals.

The deadlock was broken 10 minutes into the second half with a deft lob over the Penarth keeper to give league champions Cogan Coronation AFC the lead.

However, Penarth were not to be beaten, scoring their equaliser within five minutes and a goal to take the lead a few minutes later. The second goal proved to be the goal required to secure the Billy Butlin Trophy along with the league runners-up trophy.

All clubs are reminded that the AGM for 2019 is on Monday, June 17 at 7pm at Barry Masonic Hall.

The League Council would like to congratulate all league and cup winners; commiserations to all runners-up, and thanks to all players in the senior, junior and mini sections for another season, as well as thanking all managers, coaches, football leaders, club officials, volunteers, supporters and referees for their dedication each weekend.

MD

Barry Cup final man of the match Ryan O'Halloran receiving the Brian Riseborough Memorial Golden Boot from Barry Mayor Janice Charles.

Island Marine Year 9 captains receive the League Shield and the Harry Gratton Cup.

Cowbridge Town's captain lifting the Barry Cup from the Barry Mayor.

Sully Sports Blacks with the Year 7 League Shield and the Brian Riseborough Memorial Cup.

Year 8 League winners Cogan Coronation AFC.

Year 8 Cup Billy Butlin Trophy winners Penarth Town Raiders.

Barry club hosts an international bowls match

BARRY Romilly Bowling Club welcomed the Scotland (High Performance) Team and the South African National Team for a practice match on May 7, prior to their 14-day tournament in the Atlantic Championships, Cymru Wales 2019, which is played at various clubs in the area.

The South African team only arrived in the country the previous day.

Spokespersons for both teams thanked the club for affording them the courtesy of a practice match and complimented the club on the excellent condition of the green, considering it was very early in the bowling season and the adverse weather conditions the club had endured during the winter season.

Both teams thanked the members of Barry Romilly Bowling Club for the warm welcome they received.

Any seasoned bowlers or any newcomers interested in taking up bowls are invited to visit the club and contact Paul James, club secretary.

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Kayne signed on 'two year' deal

BARRY Town United has announced that forward Kayne McLaggon has signed a new long-term contract.

Kayne joined the club in 2017 and quickly became a pivotal part of the squad. Since joining his hometown club Kayne has scored 30 goals in 69 appearances, finishing top goal scorer two seasons in a row.

Manager Gavin Chesterfield commented: "Kayne has been a key part of our team on and off the field having bought into a long-term vision on joining the club.

"He has matured and developed as a player very well with us and has brought much to the JD Welsh Premier League. I'm delighted to be working with Kayne for another two seasons."

New season in full swing at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club

THE kind weather continued at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club recently and both members and visitors were full of praise for the superb condition of the course.

The May bank holiday attracted a large entry for the popular Bowen Greenwood Mixed Competition and Jeff Hudd celebrated his birthday with his wife Lynda by winning the competition with an excellent score of 37 points.

Count back went into overdrive to separate the first four places, all with 37 points, and just missing out were runners up Cliff White and Karen Ball.

Club captain Lesley Sherrard presented the prizes and complimented all the competitors on the quality of golf and the green staff for the excellent presentation of the course.

The men's competitions on the weekends continue to attract large entries.

Robert Pike won the Saturday Stableford played on the bank holiday weekend with 38 points, just one ahead of five players, and Phillip Newton was declared runner up on countback.

A medal is always the ultimate challenge, and on the following day Craig Balchin produced an excellent net 69 to win by two strokes from Kevin Knowles. Stroke of the day went to Andy Evans, who holed out in one on the 200-yard par 3 15th hole and generously paid the price at the bar.

Last Saturday, the men entered the Welsh Team Handicap qualifier with the best four scores going on to represent the club later in the year. Justin Benham posted the top score of 40 points and will be joined by Ryan Cox, Chris Chalmers and Phillip Newton.

The Ladies Section held their championship qualifier with the top seven scores, together with defending champion Sian Smith, going on to the knockout stages held over the summer months. Jane Lott posted the best qualifying score with an excellent gross 91.

The Seniors Section recently held their regular Wednesday Stableford and Peter Rice played well to win with 40 points with Jeff Hudd continuing his good form as runner up with 38 points.

The club is delighted with the response to the recent new membership offers, particularly for young players up to the age of 35 and those who are new to golf. The new flexible membership is perfect for those wishing to join a club for the first time and for golfers of all abilities, but with more limited time to play.

Details can be found on the club website, *wenvoecastlegolfclub.co.uk*, or by contacting club secretary Nicola Manning on 02920 594371.

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Club captain Lesley Sherrard (centre) congratulating Jeff and Lynda Hudd on winning the Bowen Greenwood Trophy.

Fine win and weather for lady bowlers!

LLANTWIT Major Bowls Club's ladies started the season with a Cowbridge Shield match at Bridgend Municipal Bowls Club.

A lovely afternoon, long may it last, both the win and the weather! Joan, Ros, Carol and Etta got off to an excellent start, only giving away the lead on one end, winning 15-11.

Kay, Linda, Marilyn and Jean struggled for the first six ends but then only lost one end, winning 14-10. Well done Jean, skipping for the first time and only her second year. Although Bridgend won 10 of the 18 ends, Liz, Jenny, Julie and Dilys won comfortably 20-13, a nice 4 and 5 helped. Well done, ladies – full points for the first game.

With no game on Thursday, the ladies' next game was the following Tuesday at Pencoed.

Kay, Gaynor, Ann and Marilyn struggled against a strong Pencoed team, losing 6-19. The same fate fell to Ros, Wyn, Joan and Etta, losing 7-22.

A 5 on the 10th end made sure Liz, Rosemary, Jenny and Julie won 17-12; welcome to Gaynor and Rosemary who have joined us this year.

Only two points ladies, but you all played well, the difficulty of no green to practice on due to the late opening of the club was hard on everyone, especially our new players.

Carol Willmot

Barrivale Bridge Club latest

THE results for the Barrivale Championship pairs session 1 on May 7 are as follows:

First, Mike Close and Mick Green 68.56 per cent; second, Peter Millar and Tim Barsby 62.15; third, Mark Roderick and Mike Best 59.09.

The handicap winners were Lyn Matthews and Sean MacDougall.

As always, new members at the club are always welcomed and a partner may be arranged if required.

If you would like to join us, call 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call in at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

Also, players inexperienced or new to bridge continue to play on Friday mornings at 10am (doors open 9.45am) at the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play and on Thursdays for assisted play from 1.30pm-4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry CF634AP.

Sully Bowls Club fall victim to Goliath!

WE have all heard the story about David and Goliath – well, this week, Goliath won again.

With Sully Bowls Club's midweek fixture against Barry Athletic being another victim to the dodgy weather, the villagers looked forward to the arrival of Ely Valley bowlers.

On what started as a lovley Saturday afternoon, Sully Bowling club were ready for a great home game against a very strong Ely Valley club but when one of the home side failed to turn up, the die was cast for a long, tough afternoon.

After an hour, the weather changed with a biting wind and a few spots of rain, so, along with the wind went the hopes of the home side.

Bearing in mind the visitors had among their ranks eight past and present internationals and 10 county bowlers, you now understand the task ahead and the Goliath reference.

Let's start with a positive: the performance of the D Lougher, H Thomas, B Curtis and A Thomas was simply great. Behind on 10 ends and on 15, they came back to turn it around and won 20-17.

The other three rinks were not so good, all going down to strong sides: R Fitzjohn, H L Jones, J Best, D Curtis 12-25; B Dascombe, T Murphy, D Edwards 7-34; D Curtin, E Pryer, M Hardy, B Griffiths 15-34.

This week is the start of the Munro Cup and the visit from Llantwit Major before travelling to Porthcawl on Saturday for the next WBA game.

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Tom Compton, Harvey Burton-Slocombe, Ethan Williams and Danny Crespo.

YMCA Barry tumbling team's first competition

YMCA Barry have had huge success with their women's artistic and male artistic squad, but the club has recently expanded to into tumbling gymnastics.

YMCA Barry gymnasts competed in their first tumbling competition, where four boys travelled to Haverfordwest to compete in the Welsh Tumble League against gymnasts who have focussed on tumbling for many years.

Danny Crespo, Ethan Williams, Harvey Burton-Slocombe and Tom Compton had only been training in tumbling gymnastics for two months, so competing at this level in such a short time was a huge achievement.

Under their coach Gareth Slocombe, the boys performed fantastically and demonstrated great maturity throughout the competition. In the seven-year-old category, Danny Crespo performed beautiful routines and became the foundation stage Welsh champion.

In the eight to nine-years foundation category, against extremely tough competition, Ethan earned fourth overall.

In the 10 to 11 foundation category, Tom Compton demonstrated very dynamic routines and claimed second overall.

Finally, in the 12 to 13-years Foundation category, Harvey Burton-Slocombe became the Welsh champion. Congratulations to Danny, Ethan, Tom, Harvey and their coach Gareth, excellent results and two Welsh champions in their first tumbling competition.

Would you like your son or daughter to try gymnastics? YMCA Barry gymnastics offers gymnastics for preschool, beginners to elite for boys and girls, disability gymnastics, trampolining, cheerleading and teen gymnastics. YMCA Barry are also holding a talent identification morning on May 26; for more information, call 01446 724000, email sophie@ymcabarry.org.uk or follow on social media @ymcabarry.

Dingoes lift Ninian Stuart Cup

DINAS Powys RFC Dingoes captain Tom Paterson lifted the Ninian Stuart Cup at a sun-drenched Cardiff Arms Park after his side defeated Pentyrch seconds in a thrilling contest.

The Dingoes dominated the contest and their margin of victory should have been greater, but scoring chances were squandered and two tries gifted to their opponents ensured a tense final.

The Dingoes enjoyed the majority of territory and possession but it took them half an hour to breach a well-organised and motivated Pentyrch defence.

A stunning break by full back Dai Lloyd saw winger Mark Goode in support and the right wing took a direct route to score another Arms Park try, adding to his match-winning try three seasons ago in the final of the Mallett Cup.

The conversion was added by centre Dan Evans and to the relief of the Dingo contingent in the large crowd they led by 7-0. However, this lead was to last only a minute as the Dingoes tried to run the regathered restart, only to see a long looping pass intercepted, allowing Pentyrch to score a try that was converted, making the half-time score 7-7.

The Dingoes started the second half brightly and early pressure saw centre Tom Chapman and outside half Carwyn Jones combine to release flanker Morgan Williams, who was held up over the tryline.

The resulting scrum saw the Dingoes again threaten to score as number 8 Gaz Williams and second rows James Walters and Matt Knibbs drove powerfully towards the Pentyrch line.

The Pentyrch forwards were attacking the ruck with great ferocity and preventing the Dingo threequarters the quick ball that they craved, and again they managed to turn over possession on the Pentyrch tryline.

The clearance kick was scuffed due to excellent pressure upon the kicker by scrum half Finley Davies, the ball took a very high bounce off the artificial grass surface and was gathered by centre Dan Evans who danced his way over for a try that he also converted.

The Dingoes soon added to their score as Fin Davies sprinted away from the base of a scrum on a dazzling 35-metre run to score a scintillating individual try.

With 20 minutes remaining and the Dingoes leading by 19-7, a comfortable final quarter may have been anticipated by Dingo supporters, but a spirited fightback by Pentyrch ensured a tense finale.

The Pentyrch pack tried to maul their way over from a series of lineouts but fine defensive work by front rowers Tom Paterson, Dan Davies and Caleb Robinson saw the Pentyrch rolling maul driven back with gusto.

The pressure, however, eventually told as a raft of Dingo substitutions disrupted their grip on the contest and saw the Pentyrch right wing cross to score in the corner, with an excellent conversion reducing the Dingo lead to 19-14.

The Dingo forwards, urged on by Paterson, produced a series of powerful scrum drives and controlled the ball effectively to see out the contest and gain a superb victory, seeing Dinas Powys RFC lift the Ninian Stuart Cup for the first time in its 110 year history.

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Barry RFC lottery news

THE Barry RFC club lottery rolls over to £4,350 this week after last week's numbers of 01, 07, 10 and 20 failed to find a winner.

No tickets matched three numbers.

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16 16 RENAULT KADJAR 1.5 DCI Dynamique S Nav 5dr, Renault warranty March 2020, sat nav, 19"alloys, cruise, 19k, white **£13295**

17 17 SEAT ATECA 1.4 EcoTSI Xcellence 5dr, Seat warranty March 2020, sat nav, reverse camera, 23k, white, full leather **£17495**

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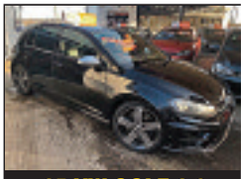

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Barry Kyokushin take the IKO Welsh Championships by storm

ON Saturday, May 4, Barry Kyokushin hosted the third IKO Welsh Championships.

Barry Kyokushin put 29 members of their club into this tournament and came away with 38 trophies.

The day started with Synchronised Kata (form) with two teams in from Barry against three others teams from other areas of the UK.

Barry team one comprising of Ben Bolanos (15), Justine Bolanos (13) and Leanne Lirio (14) performed a solid and perfectly synchronised Gekisai Dai kata and took first place. Barry team two comprising of Kelly Shi (14) Cian Wilmot (13) and James Shi (13) performed Pinan Go and were just 0.4 of a point below their fellow club members and settled for second place.

The individual Kata involved students who had never competed before but the Barry club took all three top spots, Tudor Constantine (9) took third, Kayden Lewis (9) second and Gabriella Sedgmond (9) first.

In Kata 2, Angie Perks (9) beat six other contenders to take first while in Kata 3 Sebastian Barczewski (11) took third while Jamie Jones took second. In Kata 4, Justine Bolanos came first, Kelly Shi second and Leanne Lirio third.

Kata 5 saw Ben Bolanos finish first while Cian Wilmot took second. Kata 6 saw senior student Claire Norman take first while Yousef Hasan took second.

Then came higher grade Kata, where club assistant instructor Senpai Rhian Evans (23) took to the mat competing for her 10th consecutive national title which she achieved by scoring 21.9.

In Kumite (Fighting) Lloyd and Jamie Jones (10) found themselves against each other in the final, where Lloyd came out victorious.

In Junior Kumite 4 Justine Bolanos and Kelly Shi came up against each other in the final, Justine emerging the winner.

Junior Kumite 5 saw teammates Ben and Cian in action. Cian unfortunately lost in the early rounds but Ben took first place, his third of the tournament.

Last up for the semi-contact Kumite was Jack Garrett (17), who reached the final and saw his opponent disqualified, giving him the win.

In Cadet Knockdown Angie Perks, Katie Cookson and Lily Evans found themselves in the finals where a round-robin was created. Angie was victorious, Lily finishing second and Katie third.

In the second category for the day, Simba Lewis and Tudor Constantine were knocked out in the early rounds; however Kayden Lewis, Ryan Marshall and Harri Evans battled on, Kaden coming third while Harri took the win over Ryan in the final.

The third category saw Lloyd and Jamie Jones and Sebastian Barczewski in action. Due to injury Sebastian couldn't continue, Jamie was knocked out in the early rounds, but Lloyd finished second.

The fourth category saw Eve Conway (12) fighting for the very first time. Eve sailed through the preliminary rounds and secured a much-deserved first place.

In the fifth category, Cian Wilmot and James Shi went out in the early round in the early rounds, but Ben Bolanos came through to take his fourth first place.

Category six saw Barry students Leanne Lirio take second place and Justine Bolanos first, and last up for the Cadet Knockdown was Jack Garrett (17). Jack took the win in the final, his second first place of the day.

The final rounds for the day were the full contact rounds, Paul Lambert (46) entered into the veterans knockdown, Marijus Lik (25) fighting in the novice lightweight and Gareth Dutton (34) fighting for the first time in open weight. Marijus settled for second place, Paul took first place and Gareth finished second.

For information on Barry Kyokushin, call 01446 700366, visit www.bkkc.co.uk or find them on Facebook.

PS

May Medal at St Mary's GC

A STRONG field of 34 members of St Mary's Golf Club's senior section took to the fairways for their May Medal competition.

The weather stayed fine throughout but the lead was shared by Alun Powell and Brian Peacock on a rather modest net two over par 70. After a count-back, Powell claimed the medal with Peacock settling for runner-up.

Following a second count-back, Phil Banks and Fred Evans were placed third and fourth respectively, one shot back on net 71. Twos were scored by Wayne Newton and Steve Phillips.

The section's 2019 season of inter-club matches got off to a good start with an impressive five-and-a-half to two-and-a-half home win over the seniors of Gower Golf Club.

NL

The Barry and District Mens Skittles League

ALAN Rosser Cup quarter-finals:

Sea View beat Bunker Boys; 49ers beat H Bells; Billy Whizz beat Geest; Merrymen beat Blue Monkey.

Gary Mitchell Cup quarter-finals:

Abercrete beat Colcot Boys; Billy Bluebirds beat BP Breakaways; Ex-Servicemen beat Witchill Poachers; Glenbrook Flyers beat Cocoa Nuts.

Holme Towers Cup semi-final:

49ers beat Willie Wombles.

JW

Vale Surf Lifesavers impress at events

VALE Surf Life Saving Club were represented across all age groups at the recent Surf Life Saving GB Stillwater Pool Competitions held in Cardiff.

The Nipper team competed in their first ever GB Championships on the weekend of March 23/24.

Representing the club were Harry, Summer, Elinor, Kaiya, Michael, Esme, Katie Luen-Twinning, Owen, Ollie, Gethin, Jess, Katie Oakley, Evie, Honor and Freya. Competing against the top surf lifesaving clubs in Great Britain every member of the team produced personal best times with excellent performances over the two days of competition.

Many congratulations to Harry for his outstanding manikin carry race which won him a silver medal in a time which beat the GB record.

Vale Surf Lifesaving Club is very proud to be represented by such an amazing group of Nippers and wish to thank Jo and Jodie for their excellent team management on the Saturday and Nia for all the work she puts in to coordinate the youngest section of the club. Thanks also to all the coaches and youth/senior club members who have helped out with Nipper pool training over the winter months.

The Youth, Open and Masters GB Stillwater Competition took place in Cardiff over the weekend of April 27/28.

The youth team represented by Louie, Ellie, Declan, Ben, Maisie, Brooke, Emily, Alice, Tesni and Reuben had a very successful day, finishing in 13th place out of the 25 clubs competing.

As well as achieving places and therefore valuable points for the club the youth team also came away with three GB medals. Ben Ewington swam superbly to achieve a bronze medal in the Rescue Medley with Emily Parker winning a bronze medal in the Super Lifesaver along with a gold medal winning performance in the manikin tow with fins.

Despite only being 15, Emily won the under-17 race in a time that would also have won the under-19 race, knocking two seconds off her personal best time.

Great team spirit, support and performances by each and every one of the youth team and many thanks to Kelsea and Simon for their team management.

The following day saw many of the Youth team return to the pool to compete alongside their older team mates in the Open event. The Open team comprising of Tesni, Ellie, Reuben, Brooke, Kelsea, Emily, Hana, James, Declan and Daf all produced outstanding performances to finish in 6th place making Vale the highest ranked Welsh team at the event. It was great to see new members Hana Blake and James Hamer competing for the club for the first time, both of whom swam brilliantly gaining many points for their team.

Competing alongside the Open squad were the Masters team of Nia, Becky, Gemma and Simon.

In her first GB Stillwater competition Becky put in great performances to finish in fifth place in two of her events.

The team came home with an outstanding 10 medals with Nia winning two bronze medals, Gemma a fantastic two gold medals and a bronze and Simon two gold and three silver medals.

As a result of these excellent performances by all four Masters the team finished a fantastic eighth place out of the 19 teams competing.

Thanks to all those who came to support in Cardiff and to everyone who helped out with timekeeping and moving manikins during the competition.

As well as training and competing Vale Surf Lifesaving Club enjoyed a club barbecue and Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday.

Many thanks to Steph for organising the event which was enjoyed by all. With the winter pool season completed training now returns to the beach ahead of what will be a busy and fun summer of training and competition.

JP

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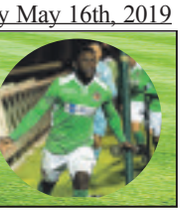

Cowbridge defeat Port Talbot - but what would Sir Sydney have made of it?

IT has not been a good week for Tata Steel and Port Talbot. The announcement that the deal to secure the future of the steelworks was unlikely to go ahead was serious and dispiriting.

By comparison the heavy defeat taken by the eponymous Cricket Club to Cowbridge was of little importance.

A hundred years ago Sir Sydney Byass had taken over Llandough Castle from the Ebsworths and also the presidency of the Cowbridge Cricket Club.

Furthermore Sir Sydney loaned a significant sum on easy terms to the club, to enable the commercial loan which bought the ground to be repaid. He also owned the steelworks at Port Talbot.

Nationalisation of the steel industry came with the post-war Labour government and Sir Geoffrey, who inherited the baronetcy from Sir Sydney, was left to play cricket and hunt foxes.

So there was a firm link between Cowbridge and Port Talbot which was revived last Saturday.

The heavy defeat of the home side was largely the result of a Tom Merilaht scoring his 11th century for the club and Cowbridge posting 211-5 before bowling the home side out for 110.

Tom and his partner Ben Wright got Cowbridge off to a good start with a stand of 116. Ben was adjudged lbw for 56 and nobody other than Tom quite worked out that the pitch was one that was not conducive to stroke playing.

So Tom just went on doing what he does best, he pushed and prodded, he nudged and he nurdled and he was still there at the end 106 not out. The 'artful nudger' had lived up to his nickname.

Set a big score to chase, Tata's batting had nothing of the authority that it possessed when the club had been promoted to the Premier League four years ago.

Like the previous week the opening pair of Brad Evans (3-35) and Sam Routledge (2-16) ripped the heart out of the home side's batting, reducing them to a hopeless 33-5, before Nick Wood (3-33) and Tom Williams (2-14) mopped up the rest.

It was a solid performance and after the second round of matches only Cowbridge, Llanelli and Maesteg Celtic remain undefeated.

League cricket rather than the time variety and a Port Talbot with its High Street hidden by shutters and nobody about on a Saturday would have surprised Sir Sydney.

However, had he been at the Steel Company's ground on Saturday he could not have helped notice the very large new edifice at the eastern end of the ground.

It's a world class biomass power station, a clean and hi-tec solution to the question of our age. One gets the feeling that an entrepreneur like Sir Sydney would have been rather more interested in this plant's possibilities than trying to keep the traditional industries going in the face of unequal competition.

Tata Steel Cricket Club were faced with the unequal competition of Tom Merilaht and his pals on Saturday.

There is no need for Cowbridge to do anything different as their traditional methods are working just nicely for now. You can almost hear Sir Sydney saying 'More of the same please gentlemen'.

This week the first XI go to Bronwydd just north of Carmarthen.

JRB

Bowlers get their season underway

PREPARATIONS for a busy season started last month with a series of friendly matches for both ladies and the men's teams.

An open day proved to be successful. It attracted interest from some who had never tried the game before and those who had played before and are now considering taking up the sport.

Anyone who missed this day but would like to give the game a try is welcome to try a taster session, and should contact Gerry Lloyd on 01446 775616 if interested.

Ahead of us is a very busy season with ladies' and men's teams playing more than 40 games in various competitions against local clubs.

The ladies' team were first to play a competitive game; at home on April 30 in a Cowbridge Shield match they beat Porthcawl Princess of Wales Curlews.

Rink scores: Lynda Wilson, Liz Gough (first game), Sylvia Hole and Phyllis Price 21-8; Diane Purnell, Pat Holdsworth, Dorothy Pritchard and Joan Bradlley 26-9; Lin Wallace, Mary Dowdle, Janet Morton and Joy Woolford 12-9.75. Match score: Cowbridge 59, Curlews 26.75

Next up were two two-rink evening league games with contrasting results.

On Friday, eight players travelled to the Dinas Powys club. It was their first game on grass this season and Cowbridge were second best, losing 34-13.

This disappointment was offset by a good team win at home on May 6, the visitors St Fagan's.

Rink scores: Sian Lewis, Sylvia Hole, Jan Lewis and Joan Bradley 21-7; Dorothy Pritchard, Tina Payne, Kay Edwards and Shirley Wilkinson 15-11. Match score: Cowbridge 36, St Fagans 18.

Playing next at Porthcawl, Cowbridge were successful on two of the three rinks and won the match overall.

Rink score: Corrie Bufton, Sian Lewis, Jan Lewis, and Lynda Wilson 23-10; Diane Purnell, Carol Davies, Dorothy Pritchard and Joy Woolford 18-11; Tina Payne, Mary Dowdle, Caryl Davies and Pat Holdsworth 5-19. Match score: Cowbridge 46, Porthcawl Ladies 40.

Well done ladies and captain Jan Lewis. A good start to your season.

The men's first game was at home in the Evening Triples League. The opposition were Tonyrefail , and the Ely Valley club, which has played to the highest of standards for many years, has a fine reputation.

Andrew Morgan, Alan Jordan and Bob Penn laid the foundation with a 25-11 win. This was offset by a loss, 10-24, on Gerry Lloyd, Tony Lewis and Alan Wallace's rink.

Ron Dobie, Brian Hole and Clive Pritchard managed a 12- 12 draw and it was Mike Fahey, Ken Payne and Colin Wilson that provided the excitement on the fourth rink with Colin Wilson's very last bowl securing a rink win, 12-11.

The overall score was checked and double-checked and Cowbridge had won the match overall by just one shot, 59-58 – what a game and what a finish!

For their weekend match, again at home, Cowbridge men were hosts to the Maesteg Celtic club playing in the Carruthers Shield.

Rink scores: Mansel Davey, John Collin, Tery Foley and Clive Pritchard 17-15; Terry Dunsworth, Gerwyn Watkins, Bryan Hole and Norman Wiilkinson 12-20; Gerry Lloyd, Nick Gough (first game), Ron Dobie and Colin Wilson 12-28; Alan Jordan, John Wathes, Ken Payne and Guy Morton 20-14. Match score: Cowbridge 61, Maesteg Celtic 77.

The internal club competitions draw has been made. There are more members competing again this year and members should be checking the notice board as some early rounds need to played this month.

Finally it was not all bowls as last Wednesday members and friends met at the club to enjoy an afternoon tea for Marie Curie, where £455 was raised for the charity which was chosen by Sue Flower, past president, who passed away earlier this year and who did so much work for the club over very many years.

Our thanks to Kay Edwards and her team for their work in making that afternoon such a success.

MB

Clean sweep for Cowbridge tennis!

THE second round of the South Wales tennis leagues concluded last weekend and for a change the Cowbridge men's teams took the plaudits over the ladies with all three men's teams winning their respective matches 6-0 to give them a 18-0 clean sweep at home.

The thirds kicked off on Friday night with a 6-0 victory in Division Five over near-neighbours Llantrisant where friends, old and new, enjoyed some hard fought matches with Gareth Lewis maintaining his 100 per cent record from last year, and is now 24 matches unbeaten.

The seconds, led by David Buick, played Pentyrch in Division Two on a fine Saturday morning with an unprecedented eight net cord-winning points helping David and Andres Delgado win the final round for the second 6-0 win of the weekend.

This left the first team facing a certain amount of pressure on a beautiful sunny Sunday afternoon to emulate their contempories. Added to this was knowing a first victory of the season was vital against Rhondda who had been promoted this year into the Premier Three league.

A small but knowledgeable audience enjoyed a hotly-contested match, under a hot sun, witnessing a lot of hot shots with occasional hot word exchanges before Cowbridge's cool heads saw them home 6-0 allowing the audience and players to cool down with some nice cool drinks.

Special mention to Rhydian Phillips on debut in the firsts, winning both his matches in straight sets with partner Joe Davies.

Our ladies first team were not to be outdone by the men as they also maintained their winning start in Division Two this season. Congratulations to Dace Repke, Natalie Morgan, Sian Roberts, Kirsty Heald , Kate Button and Claire Davies for a a very fine 5-1 away win at Dinas Powys who traditionally are one of the strongest ladies clubs in south Wales.

In an unusual twist of fate our ladies seconds, led by Sarah Penketh, this time were on the other side of the narrowest of margin losses in Division Four , when, after recently winning a 3-3 tied match by a mere two games on count back , they unfortunately lost this one to Rhibwina by one game on count back!

Our ladies thirds had their debut Division Eight away league match and pushed an experienced Mackintosh seconds close before losing narrowly 4-2, but in Leah James we have gained another keen ladies league player who thoroughly enjoyed her first taste of league tennis, made even sweeter by her first win partnering Ashleigh Phillips. We look forwards to more debuts over the next few summer months.

For more information on the club visit *https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CowbridgeTennisClub* or call coach Ian Duggan on 07919 816609.

DB

Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON May 7 the final league matches of the season were played.

In the one match where a league position change was possible, the Farmers Arms ensured that did not happen by beating the Victoria Inn 5-4. In that match Nigel Thomas hit his eighth 180 of the season.

Llanharry, again, did not field a team so the Highwayman Inn was awarded the nine points. However, this had no impact on their league position as runners-up.

The third place team, the Edmondes A ended the season strongly winning 6-3 at the One Town Hall Square.

However, it was an evening of surprises elsewhere. The Red Lion Inn won their first league matching of the season, beating the Edmondes C 5-4 while in the other match, the Hairy Farmers defeated this season's champions, the Edmondes B, 5-4.

Final league standings are: Edmondes B (126 points), Highwayman Inn (116), Edmondes A (99), Farmers Arms (87), Victoria Inn (83), Llanharry (76), Hairy Farmers (73), One Town Hall Square (64), Edmondes C (58) and Red Lion Inn (28).

Next week Tuesday, May 21 the Victoria Inn hosts the final of the GWC. In this match the Edmondes B take on the Hairy Farmers. The action will start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome.

For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

Penllyn Bridge Club results

THE results for April from Penllyn Bridge Club are as follows:

April 4: 16 pairs, first, Phil and Lou Edwards, 66.43 per cent; second, John Lord and Jo Ilsley, 62.145; third, Wayne Stephens and Mary Wallis, 60.36.

April 11: 18 pairs; first, Helen and Mike Ruttley, 61.93 per cent; second, Eric and Anne Sparks, 58.81; third, Judith and Colin Nunn, 57.47.

April 18: 18 pairs; first, Andrea Clowes and Jane Frampton, 61.93 per cent; second, Eric and Anne Sparks, 59.09; third, Vicki Long and Sandra Collins, 57.67.

April 25: 20 pairs; Robert Brown Competition: first, Wayne Stephens and Mary Wallis, 61.87 per cent; second, Judith and Colin Nunn, 57.32; third, Ireen and Richard Daniels, 55.05.

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Old Hall Bridge Club results

ON May 8 the results were:

First, Penny Jarvis and Helen Barrie 61.11 per cent; second, Mearl Owen and Margaret William 60.32 per cent.

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